Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER Nick Schroeder, worship leader

One: Source of all hope and holiness,

we gather this morning to be church.

All: Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.

One: Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.

All: Bless each of us here that we may choose justice by your Spirit,

draw kindness from the well of your mercy,

and walk humbly in your path, O God.

AMEN. adapted from #122 in *Sing the Journey*

*HYMN #1 SJ We sing to you, O God

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Jan Buerge

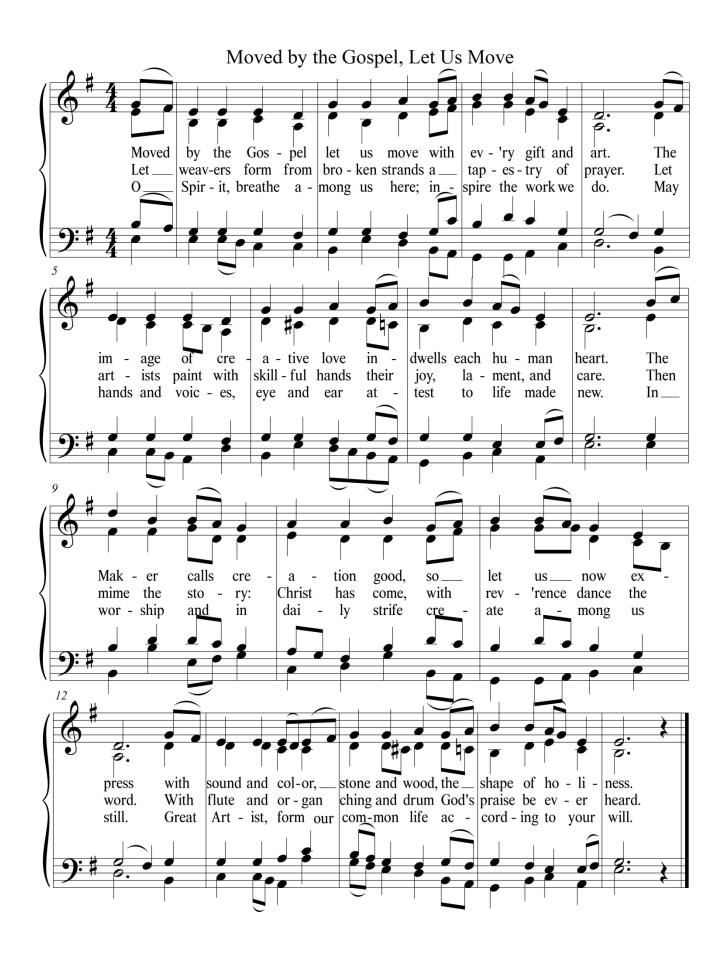
SOLO Thanks to Life Mercedes Sosa

Madeline Bollinger, soprano; Jesse Graber, guitar (for text translation, please see back of bulletin)

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:1-14

SERMON

*HYMN (see next page) Moved by the gospel, let us move**



WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor <u>before</u> the worship service.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*HYMN #40 SJ

As rain from the clouds

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue Hymnal: A Worship Book.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green Sing the Journey hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

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Thanks to Life, translation by Violeta Parra

Thanks to the life that has given me so much Gave me two bright stars which when I open them

Perfectly distinguish black from white And in the high sky its starry depths And in the crowds the one that I love

Thanks to the life that has given me so much Has given me hearing which in all its breadth Records night and day, crickets and canaries Hammers, turbines, barks, storms And the voice so tender of my beloved

Thanks to life that has given me so much Has given me sound and the alphabet With it words that I think and declare Mother, friend, brother, and illuminating light The path to the soul of the one who I am loving

Thanks to life that has given me so much
Has given my tired feet speed
With those I walked cities and puddles
Beaches and deserts, mountains and plains
And your house, your street and your inner
courtyard

Thanks to life that has given me so much Gave me the heart that shakes its frame When I look at the fruit of the human brain When I look at the good so far from the bad When I look into the depths of your clear eyes

Thanks to life that has given me so much Has given me laughter and has given me tears So I distinguish joy from sorrow The two materials that form my song And your song which is the same song And everybody's song which is my own song

Thanks to life that has given me so much.

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