



**AUGUST 17, 2014**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Major -- Bach*

Sophie Lapp, organist

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ky Stoltzfus, Worship Leader

L: God, light a flame of love in our hearts, (silent prayer)  
a flame of love to our families and friends, (silent prayer)  
a flame of love to our neighbors, (silent prayer)  
a flame of love to our enemies. (silent prayer)

***All: Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,  
from the lowliest thing that lives,  
to the Name above all names. AMEN.***

\*HYMN #59

*Sing praise to God who reigns*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47

CONFESSION

L: God of our mothers and fathers long gone and treasured,  
God of our grandchildren yet to be and awaited,  
God of our years, our days, and even of this moment:

**C: Our lives are deeply rooted in miracles before us,  
our faith is richly set in courage running thick,  
Our vocation is shaped by all those who have risked for your purposes.**

L: And now, in our remembering, we are made mindful of our own place of  
call, and our own time of obedience.

**C: We pray for ourselves and for your whole church, courage beyond  
our easier timidity, vision beyond our present tense, restlessness  
beyond our ready settlements, and yielding beyond our will to manage.  
Give us appropriate yielding that we may be like our remembered ones  
in freedom and in love for you.**

HYMN #483

*O God, who gives us life*

SERMON

*To join or not to join?*

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

PRAYER #778

HYMN #363

*Renew your church*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle,  
please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

- Joys and Concerns

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register 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 at the front of the sanctuary.*

- Prayers of the People
- Announcements
- Offering

\*SENDING PRAYER

L: Faithful God, by water and the Spirit you lead us into freedom and life.

C: **Keep far from us the spirit of fear, and grant us the courage which you give to all who know your love.**

L: By the power of the Spirit make us true sons and daughters of your grace

C: **and faithful witnesses to the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

\*SUNG BENEDICTION #427

*You shall go out with joy*

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

\*\* Today's prayer of confession was written by Walter Brueggemann and taken from "Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth"

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

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

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