

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

We come together as worshipping communities, not because we are perfect but precisely because we are not. So, week after week, we gather to draw the holy into life.

*We expect to hear, to taste, to see, to touch, to remember,
and to imagine God in our lives.***

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carlson, Worship Leader

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

All our bod-ies, all our sen-ses in your ser-vice, Lord we bring, here to gath-er here to
won-der, here to learn and serve and sing. In the beau-ty of our fel-low-ship may we
find the strength to know that our God is al-ways with us, and on us great love be-stows.

L: Let us come together in the presence of the eternal God.

C: **The moment is now. The place is here.**

All: *May this be a sacred place where we know the Lord is God.*

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #46

I sing the mighty power

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leroy Seat

SCRIPTURE

John 10: 27-28

CONFESSION SJ #137

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Thou, in whose presence (#559)

Mitch Kaufman, trombone

SERMON

The sounds of freedom and hope

HYMN #323

Beyond a dying sun

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

*HYMN (see insert)

All the music sung and played here



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (see back of the bulletin for more information about this program).

***SENDING FORTH**

L: May God bless us with strength to seek justice.

C: **Amen.**

L: May God bless us with wisdom to care for our earth.

C: **Amen.**

L: May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.

C: **Amen.**

L: In the name of God, our Creator, of Jesus, our new covenant, and of the Holy Spirit who opens eyes, hears and hearts.

All: **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

* Please stand as you are able.

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

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

**Janet R. Walton

Today's call to worship hymn text was written by Roseann Penner Kaufman.

Rainbow Mennonite Church was a 2014-2015 recipient of a Vital Worship grant from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. Funds received will strengthen our existing WorshipArts program. This program provides children (K-5th grade) an opportunity to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship. The mantra below (Now. Here. God.) grew out of the grant application process and will be used in a variety of ways throughout the year. We hope it's a phrase that will inspire us all to be present, ask questions and remain curious about the art and act of worship.

Now Here God

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