

SEPTEMBER 28, 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

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

Jan Buerge, Worship Leader

CHORAL INVOCATION (see insert)

When the morning stars together

Choir-stanzas 1-3; Congregation please stand when directed and join in st. 4

*CALL TO PRAISE***

L: Bless the work of our hands, O God.

**C: Bless the hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest,
hands with calluses, strong hands.**

L: Bless the hands that drive cars and trucks and forklifts,
hands that spend time on computer keyboards, capable hands.

**C: Bless the hands that manufacture and create, working wood and metal and
plastic, practical hands.**

L: Bless the hands that wash, mop and scrub,
hands that know what to do with soap, determined hands.

**C: Bless the hands that play instruments and hold paintbrushes,
hands that are creative tools, artistic hands.**

L: Bless the hands that cook and feed, heal and nurture,
hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

**C: Bless the hands that give away money or food,
hands that are trying to be empty, Christ-like hands.**

All: Help our hands do the work of your hands, O God our Creator. Amen.

*SUNG AFFIRMATION #93

Lord, bless the hands

CHILDREN'S TIME

Hannah Unruh

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION****

Mark 1: 40-45; 5: 25-34; 6: 2; 7:31-37; 8:22-26

SUNG CONFESSION SJ #62

Christ's is the world

SILENT PRAYER

SERMON

Taking the ouch out of touch

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Emma Campbell

*SJ #167

*HYMN #82 SJ

Water has held us

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 #433

Go, my children



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children (K-5th grade) to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

L: Lord Jesus, bless us as we seek to be more loving.

C: Bless our minds: that we may have understanding;

L: Bless our eyes: that we may have insight;

C: Bless our ears: that we may truly listen;

L: Bless our mouths: that our words may speak truth;

All: Bless our hands: that our actions may be open and just. 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.

** Quote by Janet R. Walton, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary

***From *Sing the Story Hymnal: A Worship Book—Supplement 2*

****Adapted from *Sensing God: Reading scripture with all our senses* by Roger Ferlo

Now **Here** God

Here is a place to reflect on what it might mean to draw the holy into life.
What did you hear, see, touch, imagine or remember today?

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