

# OCTOBER 26, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

Nancy Grittman, Worship Leader

\*INVOCATION

L: Lord, you have formed us to be a people— the body of Christ.

**C: We celebrate the gifts you have given us to carry out your work of healing and hope. We offer ourselves—our gifts, our time, our energy, our resources—to you. Amen.**

\*HYMN #89

*For the beauty of the earth*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mike Horner

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-18

ANTHEM

*There are many ways of sharing*  
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.  
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

## CONFESSION\*\*\*

L: Lord Jesus, we are your body not because we have chosen that name, but because you have given it to us.

While we marvel at this great privilege, we also regret our failures.

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: If, through false pride or selfish independence, we have said, “I am not part of the body...”

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: If, through superiority or lack of love, we have said, “I don’t need you...”

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: If we have known that other parts of your body suffer, and have refused to share their pain...

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: If we have seen other parts of your body rejoice, and have suspected or scorned their happiness...

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: If, in place of you, the head of the body, we have served our own theology, tradition, or prejudice, and loved only those who loved or looked like us...

**All: *Lord, have mercy on us.***

L: Lord Jesus, here is your body: it is frustrated and fallible;

it is flawed and gullible; it is tired, but through you it can be made new.

As your body, we wait on your word. (silent prayer)

“Abide in my love,” Jesus says. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Amen.

## SERMON

*Imperfect members one of another*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (see insert)

\*HYMN #362

*Help us to help each other*

## 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)

*Moved by the Gospel let us move*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Glorious Giver, how great is your faith in us, to have given us such gifts.

C: **We praise you, Artist of Awe,  
with every stroke of ink and splash of paint,  
with chiseling of wood and molding of clay,  
with kneading of dough and spooling of thread,  
with the dance of spirit and body, with the song of heart and voice.**

All: *This is our faith-filled response to your redeeming love  
and your many gifts to us. All praise to you, now and forever. 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.

\*\*\* Today's invocation, confession and sending forth are adapted from *Words for Worship 2*, edited by Diane Zaerr Brenneman, © 2009 by Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pa.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place to write down or draw what you sense about God in the here and now.

What do you want to remember well from this day?

What is speaking to you most deeply in this time of worship?

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