

# NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Emma Campbell, Accompanist

WELCOME

Jan Good-Bollinger, Worship Leader

\*INVOCATION\*\*

L: God who spoke the world into being, speak your wisdom among us today.

**C: We seek your wisdom to live in shalom with all creation.**

L: God who loves the world extravagantly, draw us near to your heart this day.

**C: We seek to know your perfect love that drives out all fear.**

\*HYMN #37

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Terri Gaeddert

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25: 31-46

CONFESSION

L: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain,

**C: help us trust you are still speaking.**

L: In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored,

**C: grant us the courage to speak out.**

L: In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy,

**C: Move among us and inspire us.**

L: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind  
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.  
We let ourselves get so busy that we forget those who suffer.  
We confess we allow the powers of this world  
to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness.

*All: Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all,  
strengthen us to love our neighbor  
and speak truth no matter the cost. Amen.*

ANTHEM

*Hold on*

Chester Alwes

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation  
for Community Building time)

SERMON

*The Wit and Wisdom of Jesus*  
Kent Lichty

HYMN #374

*O young and fearless prophet*

### 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

- Cross-Lines Christmas Store (see insert for more information)

- Offering

\*HYMN #384

*We give thee but thine own*



*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 #765

\*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 prayer of confession was adapted from the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website.

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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