

JULY 19, 2015

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Andy Shelly, Worship Leader

L: Source of hope and holiness, we gather this morning to be church.

C: Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.

L: Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.

**All: Bless each of us here that we may
choose justice by your Spirit,
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God. AMEN.****

*HYMN #110

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leroy Seat

SCRIPTURE

*On the Journey to Emmaus****

Luke 24:13-35

Natasha VanDyke, Amanda Lindahl, Tara Lindahl, Alyssa Bennett-Smith

SERMON

Mennonite your way, our way, or no way?

HYMN #3 SJ

Jesus calls us here to meet him

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.*

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*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.*

OFFERING

Offertory: #411

I bind my heart this tide

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea.
2. But we make God's love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own,
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the mind,
4. If our love were but more faith - ful we would glad - ly trust God's Word,

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There's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
and our lives re - flect thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

*SENDING PRAYER

L: Holy God, whose presence is known in the structures we build,
and also in their collapse;

C: **establish in us a community of hope, not to contain your mystery,
but to be led beyond security into your sacred space,
through Jesus Christ. 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.

**Opening and sending prayers from *Sing the Journey* #122 and #143

***Scripture text from *Sing the Story* #98, arr. Marty Haugen

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone
The One who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise,
He opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way,
How all that was promised was ours on that day.
So we begged him, “Stay with us and grant us your word.”
We welcomed the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.

And that evening at the table as he blessed and broke bread,
We saw it was Jesus aris’ n from the dead;
Though he vanished before us we knew he was near
The life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
With Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
And his words burn within us – let none be ignored
Who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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