

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Renee Reimer, Worship Leader

L: Sovereign Creator of earth and sky, Savior always with us,
Spirit sweeping over the waters,

C: **renew our hearts, surround us with grace, fill us with wonder and awe
so we may honor you with our gifts of love and praise
and worship you with our whole life. AMEN.****

*HYMN #46

I sing the mighty power of God

DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY INTRODUCTION

Clif Hostetler

SCRIPTURE

Micah 4:1-5

CONFESSION

L: God, our Maker, your love transcends political borders, economic barriers,
and social classes. It reaches across the world to all peoples everywhere.

C: **Thank you for your gracious Spirit that moves among us.**

L: God, our Reconciler, you yearn for peace and hold before us the vision of a
peaceable kingdom—“on earth as it is in heaven.”

C: **Forgive our silence, our complacency, our prejudice, our complicity.
Forgive us for blurring your vision and discarding our hope.**

L: God, our shalom, we entrust each peacemaker to you.

C: **Empower us all to speak boldly, act justly, and love mercy
as we walk with you in an increasingly militarized world.
May our congregations and communities reflect your light.
May we become beacons of radical love,
building peace across the world.**

All: *In the name of God our Creator, Christ our Peacemaker,
and the Holy Spirit our constant Companion. Amen.****

SERMON

How the past affects the present
Erica Littlewolf

ANTHEM

God is here

arr. Ferguson

Congregation join on stanzas 1 and 4 as directed (see back page)

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Words of Institution and Invitation
- Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

- *Hymn of Response #1 *What is this place*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the friendship 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #323

Beyond the dying sun



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

*SENDING FORTH

L: In the face of all our realities:

**C: We seek to be a people who grow strong together,
who name the truth,
who know what it means to live in community,
moving towards a common dream
for a new heaven and a new earth
in the power of the love of God,
the company of Jesus Christ,
and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ****

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.
Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

**STS #197 and #200

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GOD IS HERE!

A Hymn Concertato

FRED PRATT GREEN

CONGREGATION PART

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril Vincent Taylor
Setting by JOHN FERGUSON



1. God is here! As we — Your peo - ple meet to
4. Lord of all, of Church — and King - dom in an



of - fer praise — and prayer, may we find in
age — of change — and doubt, keep us faith - ful



ful - ler mea - sure what it is — in Christ — we share.
to — the gos - pel, help us work — Your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world — a - round us, all our
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait — the com - ing
have — to give, re - ceive; we, — who can - not



of — the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
live — with - out You, we — a - dore — You! We be - lieve!

(Choir only)

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore.
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

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