

# NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Brass Quartet

Mitch Kaufman, Andy Toews, Dave Cooper, Amber Thoennes

HYMNS #96  
#54 SJ

*We plow the fields and scatter  
Longing for light*  
Rosi Penner Kaufman, accompanist

\*LITANY OF THANKS

Jan Buerge and Jacob Kaufman, worship leaders

- L: Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the color and forms of your creation and our place within it.
- C: Your mercy endures forever.**
- L: For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks:
- C: Your mercy endures forever.**
- L: For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing  
and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks:
- C: Your mercy endures forever.**
- L: For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and  
dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks:
- C: Your mercy endures forever.**
- L: For all in whose lives we see goodness and kindness, we bring our thanks.
- C: Your mercy endures forever.**
- L: For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us  
to share it, we bring our thanks:
- All: Your mercy endures forever. \*\***

### STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tara Lindahl

### CHANGING OF THE HYMNALS

The Rainbow WorshipArts group (K-5<sup>th</sup> graders) will move about the sanctuary in order to collect the green *Sing the Journey* songbooks. The purple *Sing the Story* songbooks stacked at the end of the pews may also be distributed at this time.

ANTHEM

*When in our music God is glorified*

arr. Ziegenhals

Congregation please join when indicated

Nancy Bosché, timpani

55 Congregation

5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! —

Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing al - ways: —

Al - le - lu - ia! —

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## PSALM 3:1-6

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying, "There is no help for you in God." *Selah*

But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and the Lord answers me from the holy hill. *Selah*

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. *Selah*

## REFLECTIONS

Ruth Harder  
Steve Goeke

\*HYMN #545

*Be thou my vision*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### 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 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

\*HYMN #90

*For the fruit of all creation*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.*

\*SENDING FORTH

L: In the face of all our realities:

**All: *May we be a people who offer healing,  
who grow strong together,  
who name the truth,  
and 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 "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

\*\*Based on Psalm 136 from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*.

\*\*\*From *Sing the Story* #200

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