



*Because Easter coincides with the end of winter dormancy and the early signs of springtime, nature provides many metaphors for drawing our attention to the resurrection of Christ. The three stages of the butterfly—the caterpillar, the chrysalis, and the flight of the fully developed butterfly—serve as an ideal symbol, signifying Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, as well as the idea of freedom from the imprisonment of death, not only for Christ, but for all persons. Consequently, the butterfly has become one of the most well-known symbols of the resurrection in the history of Christian symbolism. In early Christian paintings Christ is sometimes depicted holding the butterfly of resurrection. **That is why we have placed 10 paper butterflies around the sanctuary. See if you can find them!***

MAY 21, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Leroy Seat, worship leader

*HYMN #46

I sing the mighty power of God

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME/CHILD & YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Renee Reimer

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Asher Stoltzfus and Ella Groeneweegen

HYMN (see insert)

God of the Bible

Ensemble will sing the verses, congregation join in refrain

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 25-31
1 Timothy 4:1-16

SERMON

Faith obstacles

*HYMN #546

Guide my feet

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SENIOR HIGH GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Emma Campbell and Jason Leuenberg

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

Offertory:

Sanctus
Emma Campbell

Leavitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN SS #100

O blessed spring



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

***All: Go with the strength you have.
Go simply,
lightly,
gently,
in search of Love.
And the Spirit go with you.***

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

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

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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