

# JULY 30, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Renee Reimer, worship leader

\*HYMN #6

*Here in this place*

## STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 84*

SERMON

*A pilgrim song*

RESPONSE

*Request*

Text by Muriel T. Stackley, Music by J. Harold Moyer  
David Stewart, solo; Nancy Bosché, piano

Wordless Child, word of life,  
give me speech that I may praise you.

Crying Child, my only comfort,  
still my heart, that I may know you.

Hungry Child, bread of heaven,  
feed my wasted soul, I pray.

Helpless Child, my only strength,  
take my weakness; I will serve you.

Homeless Child, take my life.  
Let it be for you a dwelling.

# LICENSING AND BLESSING FOR DEBRA SAPP-YARWOOD

## INTRODUCTION, COVENANT AND DECLARATION

Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference Minister

### \*PRAYER OF BLESSING

**One:** Our loving God, we thank you for placing us in a community of care, where we can weep with those who cry and rejoice with those who laugh. We thank you for those who offer special gifts of care on our behalf—at a hospital bedside, in a nursing home, with everyone who makes important transitions.

**All:** For these caregivers, and especially Debra, we pray:  
**sensitivity to the broad range of human concerns she will encounter;**  
**Calm in the face of tragedy and loss;**  
**Contagious hope nourished by your Spirit;**  
**Recall of Scripture or hymns to offer as encouragement;**  
**Grace for the unexpected;**  
**Wisdom when she feels unprepared;**  
**Joy and fulfillment as she goes about her ministries**  
**in our congregation and community.**

**Open our eyes to see the living Christ in one another.**  
**In the name of Jesus, who calls each of us by name.\*\***

### STATEMENT FROM DEBRA

HYMN STJ #76

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

## 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 #580

*My life flows on*

### \*SENDING FORTH

One: Giver of song, we give thanks for songs that surround us in the dark of night, and for songs that waken us when morning breaks. Give a song to all who need the comfort and reassurance of your presence.

**All: *Giver of song, sing through us  
and bring your world to joy and rest. 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.

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\*\*\*Adapted from *Sing the Story*, #204

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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