

AUGUST 26, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Faith Formation Table Talk 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Richard Tatro, worship leader

*HYMN #90

For the fruit of all creation

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sallie Page-Goertz

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brahms

Aaron Linscheid, Christian Buller, Grant Morgan, Mitch Kaufman

How lovely is thy dwelling place,

O Lord of Hosts!

My soul requires and yearns for
the courts of the Lord;

My body and soul rejoice
in the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
they praise you forever

SERMON

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RESPONSE (next page)

Renewed Commitments for MC USA

HYMN #403

The church of Christ, in every age



Journey Forward (JF) refers to a two-year process of church-wide discernment growing out of the Future Church Summit held in Orlando in 2017. JF has two primary documents for church use: this living document (below) and an interactive study guide. The feedback gathered from congregations will shape future improvements to this document in preparation for delegate engagement in Kansas City in 2019. Journey Forward writing team members: Sarah Bixler, Isaac Villegas, Natalie Francisco, Jack Swaim, Jon Carlson and MC USA staff representative Janie Beck Kreider

Renewed Commitments for MC USA A Living Document for the Journey Forward Process

God invites us to experience and bear witness to the belovedness of all creation. We yearn to know and share in the mystery of God's unending love.

We confess that sin fragments our wholeness and strains our relationships with God, each other and the world. Confronted with the misuses of power in our lives, communities and institutions, we seek to tell the truth and repent.

The Holy Spirit beckons us toward the restoration of all things in Christ. God continually calls us beloved. On this journey together, we commit to:

Follow Jesus

As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost.

Witness to God's peace

We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and in all places.

Experience transformation

The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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 pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

***SENDING FORTH PRAYER, HYMN AND POSTLUDE**

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

***HYMN #478**

Sent forth by God's blessing

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

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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