

Sermon Notes

- 1) Make a _____ – to God, to the people of this church, and to yourself – that you will commit yourself to be a part of this congregation.
- 2) _____ in the ministries of this church.
- 3) Become involved with one of the _____ offerings.
- 4) _____.
- 5) Make a commitment to _____ to the people around you who haven't come to a place where they are ready to commit yet.

Worship Series Review — Ways to help newcomers feel welcome:

- 1) Remember the pew is the mission field. If you don't know the person sitting near you, introduce yourself.
- 2) Postpone conversations with friends. Put the needs of others first and talk to people you don't know during the greeting time and after the service.
- 3) Post-service, look for people who are alone and talk with them.

When newcomers return, share hospitality beyond “hello”:

- 1) Pay attention to people who return. Call them by name.
If you forget, you can ask up to 3 times.
- 2) Introduce them to a pastor. Bring them to meet us.
- 3) Invite them to the Perk and pay for their coffee. Or pour a cup of coffee on the patio. Get to know them. You might say, "Can I ask, what brought you to church?" Or perhaps say, "When I came here the first time, it was because..."
- 4) Introduce them on the patio to at least 1 other person.
You could ask, "What brought you back to church?"
- 5) Practice your homework AGAIN. Use the word church in conversation.



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Worship Celebration

August 14, 2016 — 9:30 am



“Why Did You Commit?”

Meditation

“Churches practicing Radical Hospitality offer a surprising and unexpected quality of depth and authenticity in their caring for the stranger.”

— Bishop Robert Schnase



God's Love in Action™

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. David Summers

Prelude *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude

* Call to Worship

Leader: We are the body of Christ.
 People: Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.
 Leader: For only together can we find wholeness.
 People: If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice.
 Leader: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.
 All: Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign* Hymnal 157

* Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev. Eve Williams

Lord of our lives, you lead us by faith on our journey of life.
 You call us to bear good fruit, to do justice, love kindness
 and walk humbly with you.
 Helps us to live and share the love of Christ Jesus,
 the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

* Moments of Christian Fellowship

* Hymn of Fellowship *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
The Faith We Sing 2129

(please fill out and pass the fellowship pads)

Anthem *You're Not Alone* Meredith Andrews
Marnie Marquardt, soloist

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Chancel flowers are given by Mickey and Betty Price,
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices
and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

Sharing of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Vandall
Dr. Andria Fennig and Dr. Ashley Snavley, piano

* Doxology *All Are Welcome* Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
 a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
 Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
 as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 All are welcome, all are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Hymn 382

Scripture *Matthew 8:14-22*

Leader: God's Word for God's people.
 People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Well, Come: Why Did You Commit?*
Rev. Eve Williams

* Hymn of Commitment *Lord, Speak to Me, vs 1, 3* Hymnal 463

* Blessing of the Backpacks

Response: *Lord, Speak to Me, vs 5* Hymnal 463

* Benediction

* Postlude *La Rejoissance* Handel

Assisting Today

Our Ushers and Readers
 Audio: Jim DeBusk
 Visual: Kim Summers

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*