

* Hymn of Preparation

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Hymn 581

Sermon

Plain Talk

2. Justice or Caring for the Poor

Christopher Wurpts

* Hymn of Commitment *For the Healing of the Nations* Hymn 428

* Benediction

* Postlude

Communion is available at the rail following the service.

Chancel flowers are given by Jennifer & Jason Kush
in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.

Clergy and Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor

Rev. Andrea Andress, Deacon and Director of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

Rev. Brenda Smith, Deacon and Director of Family Ministry

Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Director

Dr. Ashley Snavley, Music and Arts Ministries Director and Organist

Dr. Andria Fennig, Worship Accompanist/Director of Contemporary Worship Arts

Thomas Strawser, Assistant Music Director

Assisting Today

Ushers: Debbie Doran, Donna Johnson, Fran Wardell, Dick Wardell

Audio: Jim DeBusk Visuals: Craig McGaughey



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Worship Celebration

June 17, 2018 — 8 am



“Justice or Caring for the Poor”

We have to show everyone that Christ is still alive
by living heroically the events of our daily lives.

The apostolic vocation which we all received
at baptism means giving witness in word and deed
to the life and teaching of Christ.

~ Frances Fernandez from *In Conversation with God*



God's Love in Action™

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Hymn Sing **Katie Lincoln, Dr. Andria Fennig**

Words of Welcome **Christopher Wurpts**

* Moments of Christian Fellowship

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

People: Praise be to God, the giver of many gifts!

Leader: Our help is in God's name, the one who calls us here.

People: We come with songs of praise,
with prayers too deep for words.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Blessed be the Lord!

* Hymn of Praise *This Is My Father's World* Hymn 144

*** Opening Prayer (in unison) Rev. Andrea Address**

**Christ Jesus, we come into your presence
from many different places.**

We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude.

We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering.

**As you welcome us into your house,
lift our burdens and receive our praise.**

**Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another
and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pads.)

Anthem *I Then Shall Live* arr. Larson
Katie Lincoln, soloist

Prayer of Confession Rev. Andrea Address, Christopher Wurpts

Leader:

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well.

We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power.

**We ignore those around us who suffer
injustice, poverty, and rejection.**

**We tune out the cries of the poor
and those on the edges of our communities.**

People:

Help us to see your great generosity,
hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love
for all who need your redemptive grace.

Leader:

Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need.

**Make us aware of those outside our own communities,
that we may see them as your precious children
and serve them in humility and joy.**

People:

May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you
in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Abschied from Waldszenen Op. 82* R. Schumann
Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

* Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 95

*** Offertory Prayer**

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