

Fruit of the Spirit: Imagination

August 6, 2017

GATHERING

Welcome Don Rheinheimer
Gathering Hymn Jeremy Kropf

Call to Worship

God of all life, we thank you,
for the signs of your love that surrounds us,
for all that comes to life within creation,
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth.

God of love, we praise you,
for your sustaining creation,
life-giving water,
sunlight on our spirits,
and a bountiful earth.

God of compassion, open our hearts,
that we may receive your gifts,
that we may know your love and grace,
and that we may rise to new life in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: *Our Father, who art in heaven . . .*

Music for Meditation Ensemble: Jeremy Kropf, Pam Eiten,
Jesus, Priceless Treasure Keith Eiten, Mona Blosser,
(Franck & Cruger) Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

PRAISING

Hymns
Children's Story Hillary Watson

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Micah Yoder

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.
People: **Our ears are open.**

Galatians 5:19-21(p. 948); Matthew 14: 13-21 (p. 796)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Can you imagine?"

Hillary Watson

RESPONDING

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands Green #87

Offering Ensemble
Now Thank We All Our God (Rinckart & Cruger)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Congregational Announcements

SENDING

Hymn
Benediction

Announcements

- **"Mennos in the Meadow"** will start on August 13 and end on September 3. This is a supervised outdoor playtime for preschool through 5th graders during the Sunday School hour. We have the children; now we just need volunteers to help! If you are an MYFer or adult who would like to help, please let Melissa know. Thanks!
- In our continuing **conversations on sexuality** and the church, Don will lead a series of four Sunday School classes in the sanctuary beginning next week. The first week will be an overview of where we have been in the church (denominational and local), and where we might be going. The following two weeks will focus on sexuality and the scriptures; how we read them and how we apply them. The final session is to be determined based on our conversations to that point.
- **Young adults, save the date!** Our next event will be on Saturday, August 26, at 12 PM. We'll meet at Cantigny Park (1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton). There are gardens, a picnic area if you want to bring your lunch, and two museums (Kirk works in one of them). Admission to the museums and gardens is free, but there's a \$10 parking fee per car. Please RSVP to Adriana M. by August 14.
- **Last Sunday's** attendance was 79. The July offering totaled \$28,511. We need to average monthly giving of \$37,678 to meet our 2017 mission goals.