

# The Faith of a Steward

October 1, 2017

## GATHERING

Welcome  
Prayer

Jan Rheinheimer

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator*  
Pam Eiten, Songleader

Green #16

## Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, when it was very dark,  
God said, "Let there be light."

**People: And there was light.**

Leader: In the beginning, when it was very quiet,  
the Word was with God.

**People: And what God was, the Word was.**

Leader: When the time was right  
God sent Jesus, the son.

**People: Christ came among us,  
he was one of us.**

**All: Blessed is our God always,  
now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

—*Gifts of Many Cultures* (Scotland)

## PRAISING

*Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness*  
*You Are Holy*

Purple #1  
Purple #34

Music for Meditation  
*Consecration* (Ness Back)

Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor  
Melissa Beitler

## Prayer of Confession

**All: O God,  
forgive us when we forget to praise you,  
when we turn your love into legalism,  
your freedom into slavery,**

**your promises and gifts  
into demands and duties.**

**Forgive us when we forget we are your people  
and we make your Church an exclusive club;  
forgive us when we forget  
that Jesus is our contemporary  
and we lock him up in forms and customs,  
words and structures.  
Forgive us, merciful God.**

—*Prayers Encircling the World* (New Zealand)

## Words of Assurance

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Natalya Rodriguez

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

Exodus 35: 20-29; 36: 2-7 (p. 72)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Don Rheinheimer

"Generosity is an Act of Worship"

Communion

(Our bread is gluten-free.)

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Blue #472

*Were You There?*

Blue #257

*Become to Us the Living Bread*

Blue #475

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering

Melissa Beitler, Offertory

*To God Be the Glory* (arr. J. Carter)

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Announcements

## SENDING

*Thuma Mina*  
Benediction

Blue #434

## This Week's Activities

<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Melissa Miller, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor; Doug Kimball, Adriana Martinez	10:00 AM 11:15 AM
	Adult Classes	11:30 AM
	• <i>Talking Across the Political Divide in America</i> (Sanctuary) • <i>Mennonite Understanding of the Christian Faith</i> (Conference Room)	
<b>Mon</b>	Pastoral Search Committee	7:00 PM
<b>Tue</b>	Lunch Bunch at Maxfields	12:00 PM
	Worship Commission	7:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	WOW Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Technology Committee	7:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Chicago Pastor Peer Gathering	10:00 AM
	Ministry Team	7:00 PM
<b>Sat</b>	Jamie Y's Soccer Game at UIC	7:00 PM

## Announcements

- What financial part would you like to play in LMC's ministries next year? The Administration Commission invites every LMC household to submit a **2018 financial pledge** by October 15. Pledge forms are in your mailboxes; Katharine will send them out via email tomorrow. Thank you.—Administration Commission
- "Last Sunday's '**Music for Water**' concert was a success! We raised \$2,300 for the water project. A big thank you to all who participated. If you'd still like to donate, visit [basicdignities.org](http://basicdignities.org)."—Kristen B.
- **Jerry S.** could use a printer for his computer if anyone has one that they are not using. Please contact him.
- Remember to stop by the table in the narthex to mark your favorite passage or include a personal note in the **Bibles** being presented to our third graders.
- Just a reminder, we're currently exploring if there's sufficient

interest to mobilize an October week-long **Mennonite Disaster Service trip** for hurricane relief. Contact Dave M. for more information.

- The **Candidates Forum** sponsored by Immigrant Solidarity DuPage has been moved to October 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM. This is a forum for candidates to address the concerns of the Latino community and does not constitute an endorsement by LMC of any candidate. If you have questions, please see Carlen S.
- **Pizza with the Pastors:** Newcomers and college students are welcome to join our pastors for lunch after the service next Sunday (Oct 8). This is a time to learn more about our church. Please RSVP to the church office.
- **Last Sunday's** attendance was 105. The September offering totaled \$20,478. We need to average monthly giving of \$47,083 to meet our 2017 mission goals.