

Welcome to worship. We are happy you chose to come today. Feel free to join us as we pray, sing, and listen to God speak. We hope that all will sense God's spirit among us and will be eager to return and worship here again.

Our weekly newsletter gives information and announcements about our congregation. Newsletters are on the tables near the north and west entrances to the building.

Children are welcome to pick up a worship bag at the entrances of the sanctuary. Please return the bag and contents after the service.

All ages are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a multi-generational gathering time of fellowship, fun, and service.

WORSHIP WORKERS

Worship Leader: Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg

Song Leader: Cheryl Britsch **Piano:** Joyce Yoder

Ushers: Jerry & Ladonna Andres, Greg Short, Cal Britsch, Mike Zimmerman

Greeters: Neil & Kathy Nofziger, Tom & Bonnie Stuckey

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“Welcome to the Front Porch: Stories of the Stranger”

Prelude Joyce Yoder

Welcome and announcements

Interlude Joyce Yoder

Hymn “What is this Place” HWB 1

Call to Worship: *adapted from Matthew 25:31–46*

Leader: If I believe the God we come to worship is LORD over all of history, what do we do with such a broken and despairing world? What do we do with all the pain and darkness?

**People: For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.**

Leader: If I believe Jesus' resurrection defeated death and took back the world from all sin, how do we explain to our children and our grandchildren what is going on in the world today?

**People: For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you gave me clothing,**

**I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.**

Leader: If I believe God is sovereign, what would I do if I found my family, my children wanting? If my children were starving or in danger what would I do? To what extent would I go to ensure their safety?

**People: For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.**

Leader: If I believe God is Lord, if I believe Jesus defeated death, if I believe God is sovereign? What would I do? What if? What if?

*All: Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

Hymn "Brothers and Sisters of Mine" HWB 142

Children's Story Retelling of Genesis 45
Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg

Prayer for the Church and World Bonnie Stuckey

Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" HWB 369

Offering and Offertory Joyce Yoder

Hymn "How Can We be Silent" STJ 61

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4; Genesis 50:15-21

Message "Embracing the Journey" Cliff Brubaker

Prayer for the Journey

Lord God,
You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the endings,
by paths untrodden,
through perils unknown,
and with rewards yet unclaimed.

Give us the faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that Your Hand is leading us
and your love supporting us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- The Holden Prayer

Hymn of Response "Go, My Children" HWB 433

Benediction

Sending Song "Bwana Awabariki (May God grant you a blessing)"
STJ 74