

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.

Sunday School is not meeting today due to the holiday weekend.

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### WORSHIP WORKERS

**Worship Leader:** Darlene King **Song Leader:** Wendell Beck

**Ushers:** Ty Yoder, Max & Brenda Aeschliman,

Cork & Patsy Nofziger, Wendell Nofziger **Pianist:** Karen Stuckey

**Greeters:** Larry Rychener, Glen Nafziger, Greg Short

**Next week:** Larry & Elaine Short; Cork & Patsy Nofziger

**Nursery:** Brianne Short, Ruth Short **SS:** No Sunday School

**Next week:** Trevor Short, Lonnie Short **SS:** No adult Sunday School

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## Zion Mennonite Church

September 3, 2017

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**Prelude** Karen Stuckey

**Welcome and announcements**

**Interlude** Karen Stuckey

### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** If we come today feeling excluded, separate, hopeless

**People: Let us be the place where no one is alienated from Christ's love.**

**Leader:** If we come today with pride in our hearts because our traditions have elevated us above others

**People: Let us be the place where we set pride aside and encourage others who are struggling.**

**Leader:** If we come today surrounded with friends who are just like us.

**People: Let us be the place where we reach out to all people.**

**Leader:** If we come today with walls built to keep people out

**People: Let us be the place where Christ has destroyed the barriers between us.**

*All: Let us be the place where all are invited to come to God through Christ.*

### **Opening Prayer**

**Hymns** "Come, let us all unite to sing" HWB 12

"In Christ there is no East or West" HWB 306

### **30 Second Testimony**

**Offering/Offertory** Karen Stuckey

**New Testament Scripture** Ephesians 2:11-22

### **30 Second Testimony**

**Hymn** "If you but trust in God" HWB 576

**Old Testament Scripture** Isaiah 57:14-16; 18-19

**Message** "Things That Get in the Way"

Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg

**Song of Response** "For we are strangers no more" HWB 322

**Prayer for the Church and World** Helen Bowman

**Hymn** "Great is their faithfulness" HWB 327

**Benediction** Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg

**Sending Hymn** "Bless'd be the tie that binds" HWB 421