

# Worship: Sunday July 2, 2017

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## We Gather in the Presence of God

**Prelude**

*"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"*

Mandy Shafer, Flute

**Congregational Announcements and Prayer Concerns**

**Votum**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

God's faithful love endures forever and ever.

**Because of God's everlasting goodness, we offer God our thanks and praise!**

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**Because of God's care and concern for humanity, we offer God our thanks and praise!**

God's faithful love endures forever and ever.

**Because of God's transforming powers and actions, we gather as a community of faith and trust in God-- and we offer God our thanks and praise. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #510**

*"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

**God's greeting and Congregational Amen!**

**Passing of the Peace**

## We Ask for God's Grace

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving and Sustaining God, you call us to obedience, to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. We confess that we don't always find this easy to do. We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love. But we also know that you never ask more of us than what is possible, and that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us, and to provide everything we need. Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of whole-hearted obedience to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. God has shown his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. I declared to us all in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **Kyrie Eleison**

### **God Speaks Through His Word**

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

**Genesis 22: 1-14**

#### **Meditation**

*"The Journey of Obedience and Worship"*

#### **Prayer**

### **Our Response to God**

#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal pg. 12)

#### **Offering and Prayer**

#### **Communion:**

**Meaning of the Sacrament**

**Hymn #447**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**Communion Prayer**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

(Served by intinction)

**Communion Anthem**

*"Come to the Table"*

#### **Intercessory Prayer**

### **We Go Out to Serve in God's World**

#### **Benediction**

*"Threefold Amen"*

Chancel Choir

*"God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home."*