

Scriptures for August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 9, 2009

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Kammermusik

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duane Graber, Worship Leader

HYMN #12 st. 1

Come, let us all unite to sing

L: We seek to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

C: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

L: Let us then come together, then, to be God's people; to follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Let us rise up in praise and thanksgiving.

(over)

C: May our time together this morning inspire us and empower us to make our lives an expression of the goodness we have found in God.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN #46 *I sing the mighty power of God*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 130
John 6:51-60, 66-69

AFFIRMATION

I believe in God, who created the world and is still creating.

I believe that God is the God of time—of the slender moments that slip through the hourglass and of all the incomprehensible eons that constitute eternity.

I believe that God has given us the years of our lives as a period of growth and testing, to prove ourselves more worthy of the life that is yet to come.

God does not measure worthiness as we do, in terms of wealth and power and the observance of niggling rules; but God measures in terms of love and grace and generosity, and whether we have thankful spirits that recognize the gifts laid daily at our humble doorsteps.

I believe the gifts are there, and that I must learn to see, and seeing, to respond; for it moves me that the creator of the world would offer gifts to me. If God has time for me, then I must make time for God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Kammermusik*

SERMON “Why Stay?”

HYMN #14 SJ *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions and Announcements
We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.
- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Offering

*HYMN #377 *Healer of our every ill*

*SENDING FORTH

L: As we go forth from here, may the fullness of God’s grace remain with us through the challenges of the week ahead.

C: And may we pass on the grace we have received to those around us as we work and serve, in Christ’s name. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Accompanist: Janelle Arnett Campbell

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in HYMNAL, A WORSHIP BOOK

“SJ” – *Sing the Journey*