

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* No. 129

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

CCLI #1037088

***Change the World Day is next Sunday, November 15.  
Join us for one worship service in the sanctuary at 9 am,  
and stay to serve on campus, or sign up to serve off-campus.  
We are God's love in action.***

*Chancel flowers are available for dedication,  
in honor or in memory of someone,  
on November 22 and 29.*

## Today's Servants

**USHERS:** Charles Bivenour, Brent Boyd, Donna Johnson and Barbara Ratliff

**READER:** Kay Jones

**AUDIO:** Jim DeBusk

**VIDEO:** Jim Poley



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# Worship Celebration

November 8, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.



**Our Mission:**  
*Alive with the Spirit,  
we bring God's love into action  
by igniting faith, transforming lives,  
and creating community.*



*God's Love in Action™*

## MEDITATION

*God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

## HYMN SING

Tommy Strawser, Dr. Andria Fennig

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eve Williams

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; unconcerned with busyness,  
and yet God provides for them.

**People: Lord, may our hearts be open to trust you.**

Leader: Consider the lilies of the field; unworried by their appearance  
and yet God has made them lovely.

**People: Lord, may our eyes be open to see you.**

Leader: Strive for the kingdom of God, and all of these things  
will be given to you.

**People: Lord, may our hands be open to serve you.**

**All: We come to worship you, our Creator, our Provider,  
our Sustainer.**

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE *Jesus Shall Reign*

Hymnal No. 157

### \* OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

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**Generous God, in abundance you give us things  
both spiritual and physical.**

**Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and  
grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom,  
so that what we are and do and say  
may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all  
to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*When you see an \* in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices  
and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

## \* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### \* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP *The Lily of the Valley* vs. 1 & 3 *The Faith We Sing* No. 2062

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too;  
we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.**

**Yet, Jesus taught us, "No one can serve two masters."**

**Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight;  
help us to seek your kingdom first.**

### **Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)*

## ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*The Lord's Prayer*

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Dr. Ashley Snavley, Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

### \* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 94

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Surrender All* vs. 1-4

No. 354

## SCRIPTURE

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-5; Matthew 6:25-34*  
(pg. 616 O.T., pg. 6 N.T.; Pew Bible)

Reader: God's Word for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Eve Williams

A Time to....

*Part 2: A Time to Embrace, A Time to Refrain from Embracing*