

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 30, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Processional *Beyond Me (mp3)* Toby Mac

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of First Time Visitors

Prelude *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* B. Doerksen
(Youth Band)

Call to Worship Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord because he listens to my voice.

People: *God has given me his ear so I can call on him anytime.*

Leader: The dangers of life in this world are all around, but I can call on God's name.

People: *God is gracious, righteous and merciful and protects me forever!*

***Opening Hymn** *This is My Father's World* No. 370

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, you have placed us in this world to be its salt. We confess that sometimes we are afraid to commit ourselves to the work of your kingdom.

People: *We fear dissolving as if we are salt in water.*

Leader: Remind us that the saltiness of faith never leaves us. You have also placed us in the world to be its light, but sometimes we fear the shadows.

People: *We do not want to be lights that slowly fade away.*

Leader: Remind us that once our light shines it reaches out into your cosmos forever. You have placed us in this world to live as your community of faith, but sometimes we are determined to go it alone.

People: *O God, help us understand that salt never loses its saltiness, and that once a light has shined, it is always shining somewhere in your universe. Guide us and empower us to give taste and vision to a world that would be bland and gray without you.*

(Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: As salt poured from its shaker flavors our food, so God's Spirit clarifies our lives. As light shining from its source shows the way, in God's Spirit we dispel the darkness of human sinfulness. Believe God's promises.

People: *As salted light, God re-creates us to be holy and makes us whole! Amen and Amen!*

***Response** *We Fall Down* No. 368
(Youth Band)

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: As forgiven people, washed in water and born of the Spirit, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you!*

Hymn for the Children to Come Forward

Don't Worry Be Happy B. McFerrin
(Youth Band)

Time with the Children Kori Myers and Megan Schorle

First Scripture Reading *1 Peter 1:13-23* Matthew Childress

Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Spiritual
(Summer Choir) arr. Moses Hogan

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 5:13-16* Braxton Roberts

Sermon *We are the Salt of the Future*
Dr. DeYoe and Isabella Childress

Affirmation Video "Color Your World with Kindness"

***Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* No. 300

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer ("sins")

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *I've Got Peace Like a River* Spiritual
(Summer Choir) arr. Joel Raney

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication