



# Chicago Community Mennonite Church

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## GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God of all goodness, when we really look,  
we see you in the everyday

**All: In the density of the city,  
we find signs of your wonder**

One: Tenacious trees that take root and  
flourish in abandoned lots

**All: May we be like those trees**

One: Give us roots going down to water

**All: Leaves growing up to sunshine**

One: A nest of refuge for the birds of heaven

**All: May our fruit be a sign of your life in us.  
May we become what you mean us to be.**

STS 116 *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Welcome

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prayer for Peace

Transitions

One: As we empty this pitcher, we are reminded of the sense of loss we are feeling during this transition. Our former pastor, Megan Ramer, has now been sent to a new ministry in Seattle. In a similar manner, the water dwells in a new space. So we bless this congregation as we explore new life for ourselves and our presence in the greater community.

**All: May the water of eternal life sustain us with hope and joy.**

## PRAISING

HWB 37 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Psalm 146

Children's Time

*Let the children come to me; let the children come.*

*Never hinder them; never stop them. O let the children come.*

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Mark 7:24-37

STJ 13 *My soul is filled with joy*

James 2:1-17

One: For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**All: thanks be to God.**

Meditation

## RESPONDING

STS 39 *Will you come and follow me*

Sharing

HWB 392 *Heart and mind, possessions, Lord*

Prayer

STS 121 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Offering

## SENDING

Announcements

STS 124 *My soul cries out*

Benediction

Extinguishing the Peace Lamp

One: Now the light of Christ is in you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Mark Frey

Meditation: Russell Johnson

Song Leader: Philip Kendall

Pianist: Kiva Nice-Webb

Altar: Janet Friesen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Apply for a PJS Grant:** Are you involved in a cause for justice, want to attend nonviolence training, or have an idea for a service project? Apply for funds from the Peace, Justice, and Service Committee. The link to our simple application is available in the Weekend Update. Proposals are due by October 1st. For more information, ask the PJS Committee (Rachael Weasley, Brooke Hutchison, Katie VanderHeide, Ryan Schnurr, Geoff Martin).

**Circle of Trust:** Beginning Sept. 17, A Healing Circle will meet approximately every other Thursday evening for ten sessions. To learn more, please see Laura Hostetler or Merle Baker.

**Basic Quilt Making:** Ruby Campos will offer basic training for those that are interested in the process of quilt making. Contact Ruby to set a time to meet: rycampos304@gmail.com or 708-383-3775.

## SCHEDULE

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jason Gerig	Mariell Waltner
<b>Nursery:</b>	Brian Paff Martin Dyrst	Janet Friesen Josiah Groff
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Antonia Kam Jan Lugibihl	Rosalynn Gingerich

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## CCMC CONNECT CARD

**We are glad you have joined us for worship!** The best way to plug into our congregation is to sign up for our listserv. Bring this card to the Welcome Table in the fellowship hall following worship to receive a welcome gift. You may also drop it in the offering plate or the basket on the greeter table.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Add to CCMC listserv to get connected via email?  Yes  No, not yet.



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