

Chicago Community Mennonite Church

September 7, 2014 + Season of Creation: Forest Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We invite the forests to worship with us:

**All: mountain ash and vibrant maples,
Quivering ferns and glistening moss!**

One: We invite tall trees to celebrate life:

**All: to lift green leaves in the breeze
and sing their oxygen into the air.**

One: We call the forest to sing in the night:

**All: green tree frogs and timid moths,
Butterflies and swirling bats!**

One: We join with the fauna of the forest in praising God:

**All: redwinged blackbirds and hummingbirds,
creeping things and butterflies.**

One: We celebrate the song of the forest!

All: Sing, forest, sing!

Welcome

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prayer for Peace

PRAISING

HWB 648 *Morning has broken*

Children's Time

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

Blessing of Backpacks and Calendars

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Psalm 139

HWB 46 *I sing the mighty power of God*

Genesis 2:4b-22

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 116 *I saw a tree by the riverside*

Offering

Sharing

Prayer

Prayer of Commissioning for Kiva Nice-Webb

SENDING

Announcements

HWB 427 *You shall go out with joy*

Benediction

Extinguishing the Peace Candle

One: Now the light of Christ is in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Jan Lugibihl

Meditation: Megan Ramer

Song Leader: Philip Kendall

Pianist: Hannah Klaassen

Altar: Brooke Hutchison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Gathering is an opportunity for our church to consider what our future may hold. We'll meet today immediately following potluck (noon) until 2:30PM. This year our theme is "love extravagantly." May we all consider ways in which we as individuals and collectively can love more extravagantly. Childcare will be provided.

Save the date: Mark your calendars now for our second annual "Wine Down" event with DOOR Chicago, Thurs Oct 9, 6-9pm, at Inspiration Kitchens in East Garfield Park. Plan for an evening of good food & wine, great conversation, and both new & old friends. All proceeds will benefit the local youth participating and developing leadership capacities in our program. Invest in our youth, invest in our city. ~Pastor Megan, co-chair of the DOOR Chicago board

Apple Party: Apple picking & potluck in Michigan will be Saturday October 11. Mark your calendars now. More details to come.

Ted & Co., *Listening for Grace*, September 27, 2:00 p.m.: We are hosting Ted Swartz's newest show. The performance will be held in our sanctuary and followed by a talk back. Ted uses his distinctive humor to give voice to our fears and hopes when a faith community engages in questions around sexuality. It's about a father's journey, a church's struggle and a search for commonality.

Small Group Peace Study: All are invited to join Michael and Barbara Sacco at their house one Sunday a month for a meal and bible study focused on peace and conflict resolution. Our first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 14**. If you'd like to participate or need more information, please contact Michael or Barbara. mjsacco@att.net, bsacco63@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE

	Today	Next Sunday
Greeter:	Liz Finch	Derek Becker
Nursery:	Rochelle Martin-Klaassen Josiah Groff	Linda Becker Martin Dyrst
Fellowship:		
Welcome Table:		Brian Paff Maria Paff



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