

Hymn of Gathering: HWB 16 *God is here among us*

Lighting the Peace Lamp and Prayer for Peace

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✦ **WORD** ✦

Children's Time

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

Hymn: HWB 521 *Come, thou fount*

First Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**Give thanks for Yahweh's goodness;  
God's love endures forever.**

Doxology (TUNE: Old Hundredth Doxology, HWB 119)

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth.  
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.  
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame.  
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.*

Gospel: John 3:14-21

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us, **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Saved by Grace"

Silence (*use this time to pray, reflect, or simply sit in silence*)

Prayers of The People

Psalm 141, *Let my prayer rise up like incense before you* (insert)

Offering (*guests may place Connect Cards from insert in the basket*)

Generous God, through your Son, Christ Jesus,  
You have shown us what it means to love.  
And you've called us to follow your example—  
to love our neighbors as we love ourselves,  
to offer our lives and our resources in your service.

**Accept the gifts we bring today.  
May they help to spread the love we have received  
to the world around us. Amen.**

*(Whether or not you have something physical to drop in the basket this morning, please take a moment to offer a prayer or blessing for this congregation, or pause to consider how you would like to offer yourself in service to God this week.)*

For these offerings of money, of prayers, of intentions,  
we give thanks, O God. **Amen.**

✦ **SENDING** ✦

Closing Hymn: STS 57 *Go, my friends, in grace*

Benediction and Extinguishing the Peace Lamp

Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things. The God of peace be with you. **Amen.**  
Now the light of Christ is in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Megan Ramer  
Meditation: Loren Swartzendruber  
Song Leader: Beth Peachey  
Pianist: Antonia Kam  
Altar: Jody Schmidt

**Please turn in colorful inserts:** We ask that you return your Psalm 141 (*Let my prayer rise up*) inserts. We will reuse them throughout Lent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Megan's travel:** I will be out of the office next week, visiting a friend in Austin and enjoying my first experience of sxsw. I'll be present for worship Sunday morning and then return to the office Monday, March 23.

**Second Hour - Reflecting together on Mennonite higher education:**

President Loren Swartzendruber and Provost Fred Kniss (longtime CCMcer!) of Eastern Mennonite University will lead an interactive conversation. Both are here for the "Faith and Trauma: Abrahamic Perspectives" event sponsored by the Center for Interfaith Engagement, today, 3:00-5:00pm, American Islamic College, 640 W Irving Park Rd.

**Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, March 21:** The Riegseckers will be traveling to the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL. We plan to leave early (6:00am-ish) and return after the sale ends (early afternoon). Contact Justin if you are interested. Info: [ilreliefsale.org](http://ilreliefsale.org).

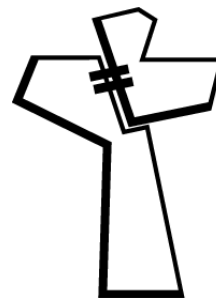
**Let's Dance!** Come dance to 80's music with us on March 20th at the Holiday Club (4000 N Sheridan, Chicago, 60613). Bar opens at 7pm and dancing starts at 10pm. For more info, talk to Sara Reschly, Liz Dyrst, Hannah Klassen, or Megan Ramer. [www.holidayclubchicago.com](http://www.holidayclubchicago.com)

**CDC Regional Gathering, Sat April 18:** The leadership of Central District is excited to invite you to the 2015 gathering hosted by North Danvers Mennonite Church, 9:45am – 3:00pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Megan.

**Christian Peacemaker Teams Prayer for Peacemakers:** Give thanks for the nonviolence pioneers in Iraqi Kurdistan—both natives of the region and people driven from their homes by the Syrian War and ISIS violence—who recently completed an Alternatives to Violence Training. They will use their training to help reduce conflict within and between communities that are sharing the region and its resources.

## SCHEDULES

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Greeter:</b>	Brooke Hutchison	Mariell Waltner
<b>Nursery:</b>	Sherry Jost Zemir Magalhaes	Justin Riegsecker Joanne Zimmerly
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Jason Gerig	Josiah Groff
<b>Welcome</b>	Justin Riegsecker	Kurt Frymire
<b>Table:</b>	Jane Baker	Lauren Friesen
<b>Lunch Host:</b>	Ross Bay	Tim & Allison Schuler



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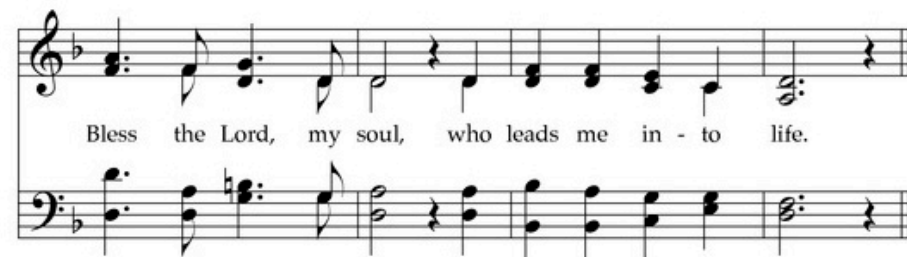
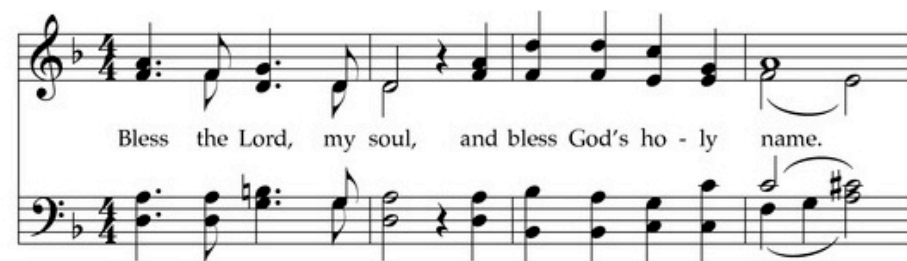
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March 15, 2015 + Lent: Let Our Prayers Rise Up

Announcements

## + GATHERING +

Hymn of Preparation



Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Welcome to our worship. Just as you are. Welcome.