



*Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.*

**9:30 a.m.**

*Love is a Verb*  
**The Light was Good**

**Gathering**

Gathering Music Paul and Ruth Buxman  
Gathering Words and Prayer Christine Moyer  
Gathering Litany

*Leader: Today we gather in this familiar place, our church.*

People: We assemble with thankful hearts.

*Leader: grateful for the day at hand, for each breath,*

People: for the opportunity to share life, joys and sorrows, with each other.

*Leader: We do not wish to take life's simple pleasures for granted.*

People: As we gather for worship, we ask that joy, Spirit-given nudges,  
warm fellowship, rich harmony, courage, encouragement, and  
peace be ours.

*Leader: These things we pray. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

*Psalm 8*

Lifting our Voices in Song

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

WH 644

WH 156

**Sharing**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Sharing

Morning Prayer

Praying in Song

*Jesus, Rock of Ages (2 times)*

Time with our Children

Gail Harder

WH 515

**Listening**

Worship Music

*Keep Your Lamps (Andre Thomas)*

It was a "God Thing"

*A Season of God's Grace*

Scripture Reading

*Luke 15:11-32*

Congregational Hymn

*Far, Far Away from My Loving Father*

Proclamation

*Unfamiliar Forgiveness*

Congregational Song

*The King of Love My Shepherd is*

Women's Trio

Mary Lou Martens

WH 139

Grace Spencer

WH 170

**Sending**

Sending Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

Postlude

**Welcome to Our Service of Worship** We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

**Nursery** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. The following people are scheduled to work: Today - Edith Montano; June 18 - Gail Harder.

**Welcome to Grace Spencer** We are glad that Grace Spencer is with us again this morning. Grace works at VORP/CJC in Fresno and also serves as a youth pastor for a neighborhood church plant in downtown Fresno. She's attending the Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary working towards an MA in Theology.

**Pastoral Absence** Both of our pastors, Stephen Penner and Juan Montes, are attending the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Assembly at Idyllwild Pines Camp near Palm Springs today. Juan returns later today. Steve will be on vacation through this coming Thursday.

**Our Early Service Next Sunday** For the most part, during the summer months, the lectionary readings will provide the scriptural foundation for our morning worship service. Next Sunday Stephen Penner will bring the morning proclamation from Exodus 19. Next Sunday Lance Zimmerman is our worship leader and Suzi and Barbara Ewy will lend their musical gifts to enhance our worship.

**Sharing?** If you are willing to share a brief word of testimony during our "It was a God thing" moment during the morning worship service, please let one of our worship leaders or Steve Penner know!

**Raising Money for MCC in Guatemala** Carlos Cardenas rode his bike from Fresno sale site to the Upland Sale site in order to raise money for MCC in Guatemala. If you would like to give towards this, you can do so through this link: <https://donate.mcc.org/registry/carlos-cardenas-guatemala-livelihoods>. It also gives more details about his ride.

**Mennonite Camping This Summer at Camp Keola** This year our junior and junior high camps are July 16-22. The high school camp is July 23-29. The Mission and Service Committee is offering \$25 scholarships to children and youth from our church who do some Bible memory work. You can earn \$25 for memorizing Psalm 23, \$25 for memorizing Galatians 5:22-26, and \$25 for reciting the books of the Bible. You can recite any or all of these to members of the Mission and Service Committee (Gail Harder, RuthAnne Krause, Juanita Zarco, Raul Zarco, and Steve Penner) to receive up to \$75 off your camp cost.

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to Aida and Jhon Ramos on the birth of their baby boy, born on Monday, June 5. As of the printing of this bulletin, the boy's name was not yet known.

**Mid-Year Church Business Meeting** Our mid-year church business meeting will be held on Sunday evening, June 25, at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting we will hear about Christian Education in our church and consider affirming the "Our Commitment to being a Safe Church" statement.

**Vacation Bible School** VBS is coming soon, beginning Monday evening, June 26 and running through Friday evening, June 30. Things will be buzzing around our campus every night from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. Barbara Ewy can always use volunteers so if you can help out, please talk to her!

On Saturday, July 1, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. a great block party will break out on our campus green, celebrating the conclusion of VBS. The block party will include water slides, hot dogs, and more! Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please talk to Laura Zuniga!

**Prayer Vine** Mennonite Mission Network's partner, DOOR, is in a busy season of hosting youth groups through the Discover program. Ask God to give energy, patience and wisdom to summer staff. Pray also for participants as they experience God in U.S. cities and as they share new ideas with their home congregations.

**Peace Center** Friday, June 16, 6:30-9:00 p.m. *Michael Moore: Where To Invade Next* 2015 rated R (Note: This film is rated R for language and brief nudity.) With an eye toward finding solutions to the social problems plaguing America, provocative documentarian Michael Moore embarks on a European expedition to interview ordinary citizens about their nations' effective policies and practices

**Agape Night at the Mennonite Quilt Center** You are invited to Agape Night at the Mennonite Quilt Center in Reedley where your purchase gives twice; supporting the artist as well as world relief efforts of MCC. Come hear Cyndi Richardson, missionary and sister-in-law of Agape founder, share her knowledge of Agape, enjoy refreshments and receive a discount on Agape Quilts and craft items. June 27, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Quilt Store – 1012 G Street, Reedley.