

BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH Lent 2 - Sunday March 12, 2017 Restore us, O God! We wonder.

Worship Leader Luann G
Chorister Chanel C
Accompanist Sherrie T
Readers Joel K, Jeremy R

GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP

Prelude Welcome Call to Worship

Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

we gather to worship.

Curious about God's ways in the world,

we gather to worship.

Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

we gather to worship.

Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Prayer

Hymns

Holy Spirit, come with power #26 HWB

Lord, you sometimes speak #594 HWB

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering: Children's School Project in Kenya

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Psalm 121
Children's Story Eleanor Epp-Stobbe
Confession and Assurance You are all we have

God of mystery, you call us into the unknown.

But we do not always follow willingly.

- 1 We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.
- 2 We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.
- 3 We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control. Forgive us, O God, when in our best effort to work for you, we fail to move with your Spirit. Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

SILENCE

God of mystery,

Restore us.

Our help comes from God, Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever. Amen.

Scripture John 3:1-17

Sermon Digging into Uncertainty Eleanor Epp-Stobbe **Hymn** Long before my journey's start #36 STJ

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Praying Together Hymn Benediction Postlude

Over my head #18 STJ