



**Call to Worship, Scriptures and Prayers**  
**February 15, 2015**  
**Thanksgiving for the 60th Anniversary of worship in**  
**our present church**

**Worship theme: “Celebrating worship, witness and fellowship”**

**Introit: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knee will bow  
With all our heart soul mind with strength  
We gladly choose You now

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

***Words and Music: Brian Doerksen***

**Welcome**



**Call to Worship**

I was glad when they said to me,

**Let us go to the house of the Lord**

Open to us the gates of righteousness

**Let us go through them and we will praise the Lord**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My heart rejoices to be in the house of the Lord,**

**Hymn: 65 “All People That on Earth do Dwell”  
(setting of Psalm 100)**

**Prayer of thanksgiving and dedication**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord for God is good

**God’s love is everlasting**

Come let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with thanksgiving**

For the universal church, of which this building is a visible symbol

**We thank you Lord**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name

**We thank you Lord.**

For this place where we can be still and know that you are God

**We thank you Lord**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us.

**We thank you Lord**

For our past and the vision of our future that lies ahead

**We thank you Lord**

For giving us your house of praise, prayer and worship for these 60 years,

**We give you thanks, O Lord for hearing us each time we come before you.**



For providing a sacred place to worship your name, to baptize our infants, to celebrate marriage, and to share with the grieving,

**We give you thanks, O Lord for your presence in all our life's situations**

For providing an empowering place to hear your word, grow in faith, and be challenged in mission,

**We thank you Lord for all the lives that have been touched through our church's mission.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and for new life through baptism

**We thank you Lord**

For the pardon of our sin when we have fallen short of your glory

**We thank you Lord**

For the Holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom

**We thank you Lord.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness

**We thank you Lord**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance.

**Thank you Lord for inspiring those who came before, for giving them the vision to build and the means to accomplish your purpose.**

For blessing those whose knowledge and gifts, whose sweat and labor, made this place all that it is,

**We give you thanks, O Lord for their labour of love, their servant heart and dedication to duty.**

**Song: "Lord I give you my heart"**



Inspire us by their vision for mission as we build on what they started.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Inspire us by your continued presence in our lives and in this house of prayer.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

May we continue to build on Jesus Christ as our firm foundation.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Empower us to reach out to the poor and needy, the sick and the dying, who so need the Good News of your love.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Use us as living stones of the Church in the world, bringing forth good fruits, that we might offer them here at your holy altar.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

Use us to proclaim your holy name and to touch people's lives through our example and faith with the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**All: Loving Lord, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place where we can experience your majesty and grace. Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our chief Elder and cornerstone. Amen.**

**Message in song: "Ancient Words" Suzanne McIntosh**

**Youth Song: "There's no God as Great"**

There's no god as great as you, O Lord, O Lord, my God. (2x)  
There's no god who works the mighty wonders,  
all the wonders that you do. (2x)



Not by our weapons, nor by our power,  
but by Your Spirit we are led. (2x)  
The Holy Spirit will move the church, (3x)  
for by your Spirit we are led.

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalm 84**

#### **Item:**

**Sermon Text: Genesis 28: 10-17**

**Message in song: “Always Enough” Erin McIntosh**

**Sermon Theme: “Here, we met the Lord”**

**February 15, 2015  
60th Anniversary service**

**Text: Genesis 28: 10-17**

#### ***Jacob’s Dream***

10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed the night there, because the sun had gone down. He took one of the stones there and put it under his head for a pillow. 12 And he had a dream. He saw steps going up from the earth to heaven. He saw the angels of God going up and down these steps. 13 And he saw the Lord standing above them. He said, “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac. I will give to you and your children after you the land where you are lying. 14 They will be like the dust of the earth. You will spread out to the west and the east and the north and the south. Good will come to all the families of the earth because of you and your children. 15 See, I am with you. I will care for you everywhere you go. And I will bring you again to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done all the things I promised you.” 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “For sure the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.” 17 He was afraid and said, “This place is so different! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”



Jacob with the help of his mother Rebekah was able to steal his brother's right to Isaac's blessings.

His brother now angry pursued him to kill him and so he fled.

He was on his way to a place called Paddan Aram in Mesopotamia when he became tired and so he stopped at a city called Luz where he decided to sleep for the night.

He began to sleep and while sleeping he had a dream where he saw a ladder going from earth to heaven. And he also saw the Lord standing above the steps.

The steps or ladder or staircase in this dream is very significant.

In the houses or temples in those days there were steps that led to the prayer room or the wherever they would commune with God. Whenever they climbed these steps they considered themselves to be in the presence of the Lord.

These steps in Jacob's dream once again signified earth's connection with heaven and also a connection between God in his Glory and God's people in their solitude.

As God's people we have a connection with him that cannot be severed or cut off.

Jacob was probably filled with regret for his actions. Lost and alone on the run he was lonely. Not knowing what the future hold for him brought much uncertainty.

Even amidst all this his dream brought him back to the realization that he had a connection with God and God was present in the midst of his circumstances.

In the midst of his regret, loneliness and uncertainty God made a covenant with him.



This was the same covenant he made with Abraham and Isaac:

He said, “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham, and the God of Isaac. I will give to you and your children after you the land where you are lying. 14 They will be like the dust of the earth. You will spread out to the west and the east and the north and the south. Good will come to all the families of the earth because of you and your children. 15 See, I am with you. I will care for you everywhere you go. And I will bring you again to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done all the things I promised you.”

Notice the promise of companionship: I am with you

Safety: I will keep you wherever you go

Guidance: And will bring you back to this land

Personal guarantee: I will not leave you nor forsake you.

Jacob knew that he had now met the Lord for himself because prior to this he had no personal contact with God.

He changed the name of the place from LUZ (SEPERATION) TO BETHEL (HOUSE OF GOD)

**Hymn of Response: 472 “We are God’s people” (PCC, BOP)**

**A moment of giving to the work of the Lord....Musical interlude**

**Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession**

**Recessional Hymn: 485 “Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (PCC. BOP)**

