

DOWNTOWN UNITED

Bulletin for Aug 20th, 2017

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude:

Greeting:

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Introit:

MV 18

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn:** *Come, let us sing*

VU 574

Call to Worship:

People of God, come with a spirit of joy!

We come to worship God with hearts and hands and voices.

People of God, come with a spirit open to mystery!

We come to worship God Trembling, filled with awe and wonder.

People of God, come with humility and simplicity!

We come to worship God Deeply aware that we long to be more. Let us worship God, be filled with God, be changed by God. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

When sunlight brightens the morning sky,

You are with us, Creator God.

When rain refreshes the growing grain,

you are with us, Creator God.

In the midst of family fun and adventures with friends,

you are with us, Gracious God.

As we meet to pray and to praise you,

you are with us, God, made known in faith community. Thank you and amen.

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

* **Family Hymn:** *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

VU 585

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation(sung):*Break now the bread of life*

VU 501

First Scripture: *Genesis 45: 1-15*

Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

Second Scripture: *Matthew 15: 10-28*

Herein is good news. **Praise be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** *Love is the touch*

MV 89

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Dedication Verse:

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a gift of trust from thee.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung): *VU 960*

* **Closing Hymn:** *Put peace into each others hands* *MV 173*

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning & Benediction:*May the God of hope*

VU 424

Postlude: