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9:45 AM

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The ads online, on TV, and everywhere we look shout: "Buy me! You deserve me! You're only worthy with me!"

C: Some days we shout back: Enough!

L: And other days we let a theology and attitude of scarcity overtake us.

C: On those days we allow what we have to define us, control us, and restrict us.

L: God provides enough. God created each of us as enough. God creates a world of abundance.

C: But our certainty of scarcity, our idolatry of the shiny,

and our fears of others prevent us from gratitude, graciousness, and sharing.

L: We live in an abundant world.

C: Our creator makes it so.

L: Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.

C: There is enough for all of us.

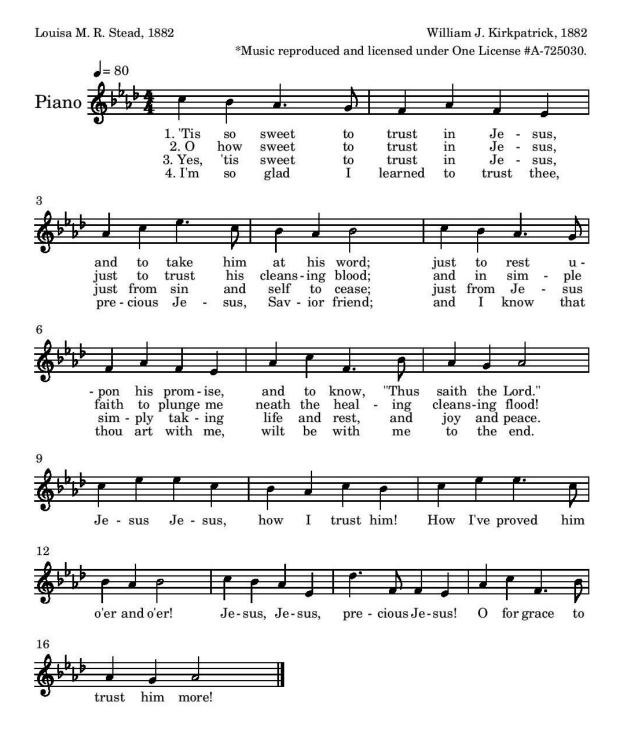
L: Praise be to the God of Abundant Love! **C: Praise to the God of Enough!**

L: God our provider gives you what you need each day, let us stand together as comfortable to sing God's praises with our gathering hymn.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 462 UM HYMNAL** (see below)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of fruitful labor,

C: work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 347 NCH (vs. 1 & 2) ALL SING: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken and wine is poured, Christ is spoke and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

SERMON

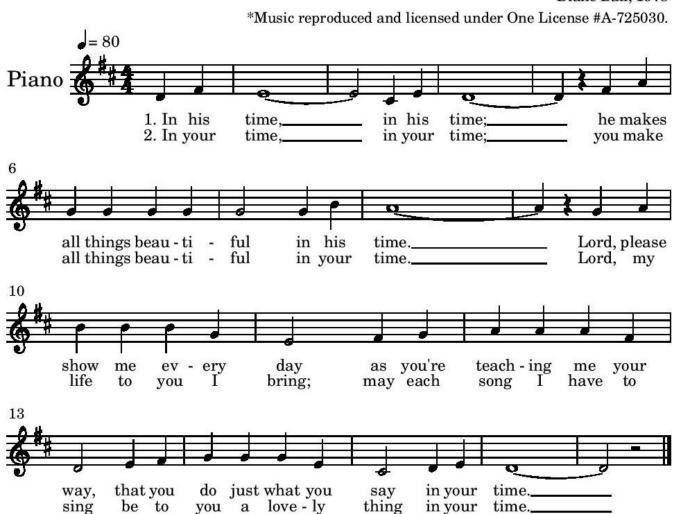
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (CEB) John 6:24-35 (CEB)

Michael Maletz

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2203 FWS (see next page)

In His Time

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Diane Ball, 1978

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Danny McCracken)

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP OFFERTORY Sacrament *OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 347 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 3)

by Combs

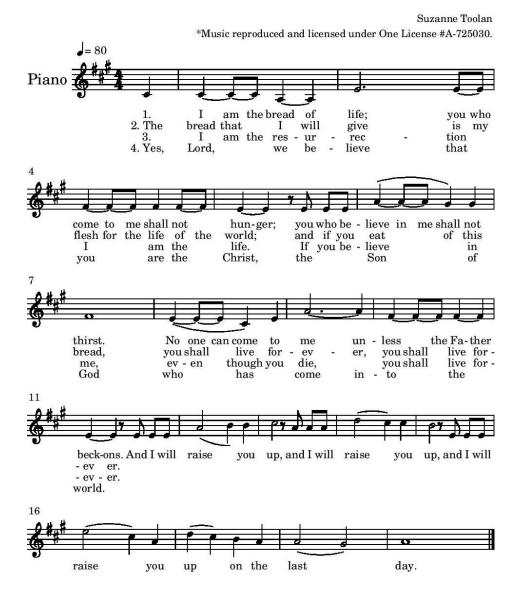
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ALL SING: Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound. *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN (see below)

I Am the Bread of Life

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Holy Manna

References

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Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Jesse & Nancy Smith, Lana Fritz, & Melissa Shindler

Guest Preacher—Michael Maletz

Liturgist—Tori Everhart

Praise Team—Barb Neff

<u>Tech Team</u> Jack Herlocker, John Kollasch, & John Schriver