

## Worship Leadership

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*Our thanks to all who helped to prepare and lead this evening's worship service, including:*

Preacher .....Nathan Rittenhouse  
Worship leader .....Cesia Salcedo  
Music coordinator.....Scott Duffey  
Ensemble.....Leah Hileman (keyboard), Dan Shaffer (drum set),  
Andy Duffey (percussion/Djembe), Kevin Walsh (bass guitar),  
David Sollenberger (lead guitar), vocals by Kayla Alphonse,  
Ellen Whitacre Wile, Gilbert Romero, and Josiah Ludwick  
Adult choir director .....Julie Richard  
Guest hymn leader .....Gilbert Romero  
Children's choir director .....Michael Stern  
Pianist .....Ryan Arndt  
Organist.....Shawn Kirchner  
Touching moment ..written and enacted by Frank Ramirez and Jennifer K. Scarr  
Recorded music for skit .....Steve Engle  
Liturgy....prepared by Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm and Timothy Hollenberg-Duffey  
Children's time .....Donna Rhodes  
Worship center.....designed and created by David Thornburg  
Technical assistance .....Ken Wenger and Brian Yoder

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**Embracing  
one another  
as Christ  
embraces us**  
Romans 15:7

Wednesday Evening, July 13

## Embracing One Another in Our Diversity

Preacher

**Nathan Rittenhouse**

*"The Family of God"*



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2022  
Omaha, Nebraska

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## Gathering Music

## Welcome

**Processional**                      *We Kneel Together*                      #32  
*We kneel together, we bow as one,  
we raise our voices to God above.  
Rain down upon us, in this glad hour,  
streams of mercy, your Spirit's power.*

## \*Call to Worship

One: Where are my sisters and brothers?

**All: We are here to worship.**

One: Who are my sisters and brothers?

**All: We, who do the will of God together.**

One: Live in harmony with one another.

**All: We find harmony worshipping as one body in Christ.**

## \*Invocation

\*Hymn                      *Let the Church Rise*                      #21

Touching Moment from Our Past                      Enough is Enough

## Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music                      *I Will Sing Prelude*                      Gina Sprunger

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of many gifts, thank you for the life and welcome that you've given to us. Thank you for the gifts of love that you offer the world. Thank you that we may share our gifts with you and with all who need love and compassion through the ministry of this family of Jesus Christ. It is in his name and with the Spirit's power we pray. Amen.**

## Children's Choir

*One World  
God Made Them All*

Michael Stern  
Michael Stern

## Children's Time

God Made Us Family

\*Hymns                      *Renuevame*                      #30  
*Tu Fidelidad*                      #36

## Scripture Reading

Mark 3:31-35 (NRSV)

## Sermon

The Family of God

\*Hymn                      *You Who Took a Towel*                      #35

## \*Words of Commitment

One: The One who took a towel,  
knelt to serve and love those nearest to him.

**All: From Jesus, we learn to live in harmony with one another.**

One: The One who washed the feet of his friends,  
loved strangers and enemies as well.

**All: Following Christ, we choose to live in harmony with all people.**

One: The God who created, sustained, and redeems the world  
embraces us all.

**All: In the name of the living God, we will live in harmony with all creation and its creatures.**

\*Choral Benediction    *Help Us Accept Each Other*    John Ness Beck

Postlude                      *Postlude in Classic Style*                      Gordon Young

*\*Please stand as you are able*