Saturday Offering
Church of the Brethren: Global Missions and Brethren Volunteer Service

The Office of Global Mission seeks to integrate faith and service, challenge and equip Brethren to respond to human need, and grow the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The office works on the development of a global Church of the Brethren consisting of autonomous groups that witness to their broader communities while mutually encouraging one another as branches from the denomination vine. Priorities are to support theological training for pastors, the building of churches, in-person gathering with our global Church of the Brethren communion, and support to disciple church leadership with integrity. In the face of natural disasters, violence, and antagonism towards the church, the Church of the Brethren is growing around the world sharing the gospel, serving the poor, and speaking peace in the face of a violent world.

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) is rooted in the 1948 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, where a group of young people offered an unorthodox proposal: to create a volunteer service program for young adults. For many years, Church of the Brethren members had been volunteering through places like work camps and the New Windsor Service Center or chose alternative service though Civilian Public Service. This culture of becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in the world inspired the formation of BVS, which 75 years later, still embodies its original purpose of promoting peace, serving human need, and advocating justice. Over seven thousand volunteers have participated in BVS and it continues to be a way for those called into service to share God’s love, fully embracing the Church of the Brethren’s vision statement to “develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovate, adaptable, and fearless.”

To give online go to: www.brethren.org/give-ACSaturdayOffering or scan QR code

Viviendo el amor de Dios
Viv Lanmou Bondye A Rayuwan Kaunar Allah
Living God’s Love
(Ephesians 5:1-2)
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

Saturday Morning, July 8

Loving the Least in the Family of God

Preacher
Audri Svay
“Bridging the Divide”

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Gathering Music

Prelude  *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*  Stuart Townend

*Welcome
English leader: We come to worship.
Spanish leader: Venimos adorar al Señor
Hausa leader: We come to worship (in Hausa)
Creole leader: We come to worship (in Creole)
All: *We come to worship.*
English leader: We are living God’s love.
All: *We are living God’s love.*

*Hymn
English leader: As We Gather at Your Table
Spanish leader: Estamos viviendo el amor de Dios
Hausa leader: Rayuwan kaunar Allah!
Creole leader: Viv lanmou Bondye a!
All: *Viv lanmou Bondye a!*

Offering

Offertory  Prelude, Sarabande, and Gigue from Cello Suite no. 2

*Hymn*  *We Give Thee But Thine Own*  Verses 1, 4  #30

Prayers

Call to Prayer
Prayer song  *Shepherd me, O God*  (restrain, 2x)  #27

*Hymn*  *As We Gather at Your Table*  #1

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Bridging the Divide

Interlude  *Meditation on When Peace Like A River*  Phillip Bliss
arranged by Kyle Remnant

Communion

Welcome and Explanation
Confession  —Menno Simons, adapted
Holy Jesus,
blind I am, do thou enlighten me;
naked I am, clothe me;
wounded, heal me;
dead, give me life.
I know of no light,
no physician, no life,
except thee. Amen
Invitation to communion & Blessing of Bread and Cup

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn*  *Beyond a Dying Sun*  #3

Service of Consecration of Leadership

Postlude  *Beyond a Dying Sun*  Steve Engle

*Please stand as you are able

Worship Leadership

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

Preacher .................................................................Audri Svay
Worship leader .......................................................David R. Miller
Scripture reader .......................................................Don Mitchell
Music coordinator ...................................................Kyle Remnant
Adult choir director ..................................................Marty Keeney
Pianist .................................................................Becca Miller
Worship center .......................................................Michael Weibel
Technical assistance ..........................Zach Erbaugh and Brian Yoder