

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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*Our thanks to all who assisted in this morning's worship!*

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Thursday, July 2

## Service

Preacher

**Caleb Kragt**

Message:

Who Would Jesus Serve?



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Fort Wayne, Indiana

# Thursday Morning, July 2

## Gathering Music

### Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount* arr. B.S. Mayo

Drama Basin and Towel

\*Call to Worship *with God of Grace and God of Glory* 15

**All: We live in unsettled days, dear God. The looming climate change, the energy hunger of AI, the gulf of polarization. What spiritual energy, spiritual power is accessible? Will you bestow upon us Lord, upon your church, that power, that energy, our true source of life? Lord, we know too well the “hosts of evil” that surround us, overwhelm us. We pray dear God, let not fear pluck away the gifts we would share.**

*Sing Verse 1*

**All: Lord, we are awash in guns and weapons of mass destruction. How proud and arrogant we are, “rich in things and poor in soul.” Lord, it’s so easy to become discouraged; to become stuck and numb. Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days in service to our siblings at home and around the world.**

*Sing Verse 2*

One: Oh God, our refuge and strength, who loved us first, whose love we know in your Son, may we keep your commandment, that we love one another as you loved us.

**All: May we love tenderly those nearest to us as well as those deemed “enemies”. May we love tenderly by being willing to risk hurt, pain and conflict in order to lift up the Body of Christ.**

One: Oh God, who loves us, may we, like Jesus, turn the other cheek, seeking to heal and bind each other’s wounds.

**All: Help us to help each other, each other’s love to share; to offer aid and feel another’s care.**

One: Help us to build each other up, to help each one improve, following the example of the Man of Galilee.

**All: So that, loving tenderly, we may become a beloved community of your people, who keep your commandment to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.**

*Sing Verses 3 and 4*

Scripture Reading John 13: 1-7

Anthem *A Servant’s Song* Joseph Martin

## Time of Giving

Invitation  
Offering  
Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *Help Us To Help Each Other* 21

## Prayer

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## Consecration of Leadership

Opening Words  
Words of Consecration  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer of Blessing  
Feet washing - Hymn *Will You Let Me be Your Servant* 41  
Response

\*Hymn *What Is This Place* see insert

## Sending

Postlude *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God* Frantz Joseph Haydn

You are invited to remain in place as our musicians share their gifts in praise of God.

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit*

A Prayground will be available during worship in the back of the hall for children ages K-2nd grade and their parents/guardians. It is a designated area where children can engage in age-appropriate, worship-centered activities while remaining part of the gathered congregation.