



Sunday July 27, 2014  
The Church at Colossae

**Gathering and praising**

Call to worship  
Welcome  
Congregational singing HWB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only  
HWB 352 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

**Confessing**

Prayer of confession  
Words of assurance  
Passing the peace

**Hearing the word**

Congregational singing STS 43 My faith has found a resting place  
HWB 517 Open my eyes that I may see  
Scripture reading Colossians 2:6-10; 16-23  
Sermon Ron

**Responding**

Sharing and prayer  
Offering  
Closing song STJ 73 The Lord lift you up  
Benediction

Worship leader: Ruth  
Pianist: Marcia

HWB –blue “Hymnal”, STJ – green “Sing the Journey”  
STS – purple “Sing the Story”

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

- Aberdeen Food Bank - meets next on Aug. 9 and Aug. 23.



**Birthday this week** - Adrianna August 1

**Prayer items for Ukraine:**

In Odessa, Mary Raber teaches theology at Odessa Theological Seminary as a partner through Mennonite Mission Network. Raber offers the following suggestions for prayer support of the church and Christians in Ukraine (there are 12 MWC Churches in Ukraine):

- Political divisions definitely affect the churches as they do in North America. Generally, the north and west identify themselves with Europe and speak Ukrainian, while the south and east look to Russia and speak Russian. Pray that churches in different geographical areas will be able to remember and act on their unity in Christ.
- The generations tend to be divided along political lines as well. Younger church leaders support the protest and are frustrated by the older generation who are more resistant to change. Pray that the generations would be able to hear each other.
- The continuing instability makes life difficult for schools, children’s homes, hospitals, and all kinds of other social service institutions, some of which are operated by churches. Pray that needs would be met. Pray that people would remember and care for their neighbors during the unrest, especially the elderly and disabled.

**Summer Worship:**

**Today** - The Early Church at Colossae  
**Aug 3** - No service at Aberdeen (long weekend)  
**Aug 10** - The Early Church at Thessalonica  
**Aug 17** - Alternative Service and Potluck at Ron and Shirley's  
**Aug 24** - The Early Church at Corinth  
**Aug 31** - The Early Church at Rome (long weekend)  
**Sept 7** - Welcome back Sunday and Potluck

**Call to Worship (Colossians 2)**

**All:** *Lord Jesus Christ, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Leader: In you the fullness of God dwells.

**People:** **You are the head of every ruler and authority.**

**All:** *Through your life, death and resurrection, all rulers and authorities are disarmed; all legal demands are erased; and all trespasses are forgiven!*

**Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we seek guidance from people near at hand, rather than looking to Christ’s wisdom. Lord have mercy.

We confess that we seek to earn your favor by following more and more rules, rather than looking to Christ’s grace. Lord have mercy.

We confess that we seek to impose our demands on the world, rather than looking to Christ’s cross. Lord have mercy.

Amen.