

300<sup>th</sup> Brubaker Reunion Sunday Worship

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# The Brubaker Narrative:

## How Our Faith Heritage Shaped Us

August 6, 2017  
Millersville University  
Millersville, Pa.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful  
God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him  
and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.*

Deuteronomy 7:9 NRSV

### **Musical Prelude, 9:00-9:30 am**

"I Owe the Lord a Morning Song"	<i>David Sauder, Chorister</i>
"To God be the Glory"	<i>David Sauder</i>
"Prayer of Consecration"	<i>Amy Yovanovich</i>
"If You Search with All Your Heart"	<i>Amy Yovanovich</i>
"If You Believe and I Believe"	<i>David Sauder</i>
"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"	<i>Amy Yovanovich</i>
"Oh God, our Help in Ages Past"	<i>David Sauder</i>
"Pescador De Hombres/Lord You Have Come"	<i>Amy Yovanovich &amp; David Sauder</i>

~ **Worship Service at 9:30 am** ~

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

*Carolene Brubaker*

**God of the past, present and future, we gather as a Brubaker Family to honor You, and to learn how You've shaped our faith along the way on many different paths, and what You call us to be going forward. Bless us today so that we may be a blessing to the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn: "Now Thank We All our God"**

*David Sauder*

**From Jesus to Menno Simons, Arriving in a New Land**

*Demas Brubacher*

**Hymn: "For God So Loved Us"**

*David Sauder*

**A Holy Experiment?**

*Carolene Brubaker*

**Hymn: "Creation is a Song"**

*David Sauder*

**Hymn: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

*Amy Yovanovich*

**Looking Back . . . and Forward to Where God Is Calling Us**

*Ray Brubacher*

**Responsive Prayer** (*Congregation reads bold print*)

We give thanks to the God of creation for the many ways we have been blessed by earth's bounty. We give thanks for the Native Americans who were good caretakers of your creation.

*Carolene*

**Forgive us when we have taken what wasn't ours and haven't respected your earth. Show us the way to true repentance in word and deed.**

We give thanks for the life of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit through the generations. We give thanks for the courage of our ancestors, who stood firm because of their convictions in spite of suffering loss of land, possessions and life. *Demas*

**Forgive us for times when we have lacked the courage to stand up for what we believe. Give us love and courage to help people who suffer loss of possessions, land, and life because of their circumstances.**

We give thanks for having a safe place to come in times of persecution and danger, and the kindness, sacrifice, and protection of people who helped us in our time of need. *Janet*

**Forgive us for our neglect of people who need the same kind of help our ancestors needed. May we in turn show compassion to people who now need a place of safety, provision, and kindness. May we be willing to make sacrifices for the welfare of the common good. Sensitize us to our actions so that nothing we do causes harm to another. We pray for justice not yet realized. Show us how to further justice in Christ's name.**

We give thanks for freedom to practice our beliefs. *Ray*

**Forgive us when we have not treated people of differing beliefs, as we would want to be treated. May we welcome and accommodate all people who need freedom to practice their beliefs.**

We give thanks for preservation of our faith and our community through the generations. *Carolene*

**Forgive our disregard for peoples whose communities are struggling or no longer exist. Empower us to support and welcome people who have lost their homes and their communities.**

We give thanks for stability and connections, which provided prosperity for many, and tangible fruits from our labors. *Demas*

**Forgive us when we have put our needs before people with greater needs. May we seek ways to extend opportunities and privileges to them.**

We give thanks for the Spirit's work in us as we continue to adjust to new places, governments, work, information, roles, responsibilities, cultures and lifestyles. *Janet*

**Forgive us when we've not stayed true to You as we've navigated each new change. Help us discern each step forward in a way that is most honoring to You and to all people.**

We give thanks for Your faithfulness through good and hard times. *Ray*

**May we in turn be faithful to You. Amen.** *Everyone*

**Hymn:** "Praise God From Whom," #606 *David Sauder*

**Benediction:** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". *Amy Yovanovich*

**Offering:**  
Church World Service and  
Mennonite Central Committee  
*(baskets at the door)*