



**Summer Gathering 2014**  
**DePaul University, Chicago**  
*Tilling and Keeping:*  
*Fitting Practices for a Very Good Creation*

### **Our Worship Leaders:**

***Jessie Shuman Larkins, preacher for opening worship.*** Jessie is an elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, beginning a new appointment this summer at Asbury UMC in Durham, NC. She grew up in Chapel Hill, studied math and French at UNC-Asheville, worked for a year on the west coast with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2007. She and her husband, David, are the parents of Elijah (6) and Noah (5).

***Sally Youngquist, preacher for footwashing service.*** Sally is a community leader of Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston, IL, where she has been a covenant member since 1973. She has worked as a high school English teacher, a Mennonite Central Committee administrator, a conference planner, communications manager for the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), and a Mennonite pastor at Reba Place Church and Living Water Community Church.

***Jim McCoy, preacher for closing worship.*** Jim has been the pastor of First Baptist Church in Weaverville, NC since 1997. A native of Salisbury, NC, Jim enjoys playing the guitar and reading, especially theology and literature. He and his wife, Jane, are the parents of two grown daughters, Sarah and Claire. (Claire will lead the centering music for our *lectio divina* session on Saturday morning). Jim serves on the board of directors for the Ekklesia Project.

***David Butzu, music leader for all worship services.*** David is a composer, church musician, and educator. A native of Michigan, he has taught at Milligan College and Emmanuel Christian Seminary in East Tennessee. For many years, David has led *Adoration*, a weekly contemplative, ecumenical service of Word and Table at Hopwood Christian Church. His musical setting of Luke 1:68-79 (the Song of Zechariah) is named DE PAUL, in honor of its premiere at The Ekklesia Project Summer Gathering in 2007.