

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Listening to Ourselves

August 27, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Michael

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

P: We will listen and we will hear!

L: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching to all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

P: We will listen and we will hear!

L: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

P: We will listen and we will hear!

L: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

P: We will listen and we will hear!

Hymn #120 "Holy, holy, holy!"

Offering and My Coins Count

Response song #388 "Grant us, Lord, the grace"

Children's Time

Gaynel

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in his hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Hymn #515 "Jesus, rock of ages"

Announcements

Lee Ivey

Vote to approve new appointees

Scriptures Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-3, 11

Sermon "The Heartbeat of God"

Ben Tapper

Response Hymn #506 "I sought the Lord"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys and concerns, introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Closing Hymn SJ#96 "I'm pressing on the upward way"

Blessing

Postlude

In lieu of applause, we encourage a hearty "AMEN."

Co-pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus **Interim Pastor:** Lee Ivey

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Ethel, Randy, Ralph

Care Team: Annette, Heidi, Ted, Robin, Mary, Rachel, Lisa

Worship Leader: Marj

Song Leader: Erin

Guitarist: David

Greeters: Lisa & Jim

Ushers: Bill & Janet

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service. Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's Ed multi-age class for children will meet in the Patience room. Today's session will be taught by Heidi & Katarina.

Combined adult and youth class will meet in the sanctuary. Lee Ivey will share about his time with us here at First Mennonite. Let us bring our stories together and revisit the many experiences that we have shared which contribute to the ever-journeying children of God that we are today!

Upcoming at FMC

September 03 --Faith in Action Sunday

September 03--Food pantry Sunday

September 10--Children's Education classes resume

September 10 --Ice cream and cake celebration at noon

September 17-24 --IHN Week

Birthdays

PRAYER CONCERNS - August 27, 2017

- Pray for Sherry who will have her tonsils removed tomorrow.
- Pray for a family which is part of the Mara Christian community in North Carolina who lost a 15-year-old son, Khai He, to drowning. Pray for the Mara community here in Indianapolis and elsewhere. There is a card to sign for our brothers and sisters in the Mara community.
- Pray for Wade and family in the death of his 98-year-old mother last week.
- Pray for Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. Pray for courage and relief for Erin and Mike.
- Pray for the Das-Roberts family as they continue to face challenges.
- Pray for Leslie as she continues to recover at home and receive therapy on a regular basis.

Please note that all prayer requests should be given to one of the pastors by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. For Sunday morning additions, please speak to the person doing the congregational prayer before worship.

Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-3, 11 (NRSV)

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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Making peace Seeking justice Serving as the hands, heart, and voice of Christ

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