

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Mennonicity

September 17, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Priscilla

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Holy God, as we gather this morning, we are distracted.

P: Grant us focus.

L: We are worried.

P: Grant us peace.

L: Our lives are cluttered.

P: Grant us space.

L: Our minds are racing.

P: Slow us down.

L: Our hands are clinging to so many things.

P: Loosen our grasp.

All: *May we release the many things of this world as we seek the one thing—*

your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Hymn SJ#1 "The love of God"

Children's Time

Jeremy

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.

Announcements

Kenda

Hymn #324 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Offering and My Coins Count

Response Song SJ#67 "Let there be light, Lord God"

Scriptures Matthew 6:5-8

Sermon "And when you pray"

Shannon Dycus

Response Hymn SJ#49 "Rain down"

Passing the Friendship Register

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

Congregational prayer

Bob Brown

Closing Hymn #72 "When all thy mercies"

Blessing

Postlude

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

Co-pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Gloria, Randy, Ralph

Care Team: Annette, Heidi, Ted, Linda, Robin, Mary, Kevin, Rachel, Ben

Worship Leader: Erv Boschmann

Song Leader: Emilie Walson

Greeters:

Ushers: Rosner family

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, JYF and MYF classes meet. The class lists are on the doors.

Anabaptist Essentials taught by Chuck. What is fundamental to our identity as Anabaptists? How can these principles help us to identify creative and faithful ways to respond to injustice and life under an empire? We will use Stuart Murray's book *The Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith* and Walter Wink's *The Powers that Be*. Meets for 12 weeks in the middle classrooms.

Movie & Discussion: The Radicals (1990)

It is the Anabaptist B-Movie: The year is 1525. Michael and Margaretha Sattler have fled their religious orders working to restore the church to the purity of its early days of peace, compassion and sacrificial love. The Sattlers join the Anabaptists and challenge the 1000-year control of the Church by the State. Warning: Contains graphic depiction of persecution. Meets in the multi-purpose room.

Today and Upcoming at FMC

September 22-- Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30

September 17-24 --IHN/Family Promise Week

October 1--Deadline for bringing knitted scarves for refugees

October 6--Last day to get group discount to the conflict workshop

October 8--Blessing of the knitted scarves in worship

October 21- - LOMBARD PEACE CENTER one-day workshop (info posted on kiosk):

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

PRAYER CONCERNS - September 17, 2017

- Pray for the comfort and strength of the families we are blessed to host this week. May we offer the encouragement and hospitality they need.
- Pray for the family and friends of Judy, longtime coordinator of CROP Walk, following her passing this 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.

Birthdays

Matthew 6:5-8 (NRSV)

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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