

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

## Mennonicity

September 24, 2017

**Musical preparation for worship**

Michael

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: We have come together because of God:

**P: We are created and sustained by the power of God's love.**

L: We have come together because of Jesus:

**P: We accept his revolutionary example that shows us what life means.**

L: We experience holy presence that inspires and blesses our fellowship.

**All: Let us worship God through Jesus in the Spirit.**

**Hymn #6** "Here in this place"

**Children's Time**

Kevin

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

**Bibles for second and sixth graders**

Simon Carpenter, Semaj Dycus, Nolan Myers, Jillian Showalter,  
Rowan Smith, Xavier Cisco, Ben Wilson

**Musical blessing** SJ#90 "Lord, we bring to you our children"

**Mennonite traditions: Shaped notes**

Meagan

**Hymn** "For God so loved us" [insert]

**Offering**

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

**Scriptures** Matthew 5:43-48

**Sermon** "Working for Peace"

Bob Brown

**Response Hymn** SJ#23 "Slowly turning, ever turning"

**Passing the Friendship Register**

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

**Congregational prayer**

Shannon Dycus

**Closing Hymn** SJ#42 "Listen, God is calling"

**Blessing & Postlude**

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

**Co-pastors:** Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

**Faith Formation Coordinator & Pastoral Intern:** Ben Tapper

**Trustees:** Gloria, Randy, Ralph

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

**Worship Leader:** Michael.

**Song Leader:** Mary Liechty

**Greeters:** Lisa & Bob

**Ushers:** Deb & Robin

**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 Girard. 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 multi-purpose room.

**Movie & Discussion: The Radicals (1990) [final session]**

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 middle classroom.

**Beginning October 1, Vietnam: A Reflection. [10 weeks]**

Discussion class about the Vietnam War period and how it relates to our church and events happening today. Clips from Ken Burns PBS on Vietnam and testimony about alternative service and attitudes in the country. Please watch as many of the PBS series as you can. Michael Z. Miller and John Marquis will facilitate the discussion.

**Today and Upcoming at FMC**

September 29-- Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

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 24, 2017**

- Pray for Ben Tapper for his ministry as our pastoral intern and our nurturing during this year.
- Pray for the family and friends of Judy Dunson, longtime coordinator of CROP Walk, following her passing 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.*

### **Birthdays**

### **Matthew 5:43-48 (NRSV)**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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