

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Mennonicity

October 8, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Jana

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The Reign of God is drawing near:

P: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

L: Prepare the way for the Lord:

P: A just and peaceful path!

L: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you

All: For the glory of God!

Hymn #100 "Praise him! Praise him!"

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

Dennis

Hymn #526 "In the rifted Rock, I'm resting" Ensemble & congregation

History of the hymn

Blessing of the scarves for refugees

Offering

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

Scripture Luke 3:1-9

Sermon "Secular Mennonites?"

Bob Brown

Hymn of response #530 "What wondrous love is this"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Closing Hymn #521 "Come, thou fount"

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: Dennis Mishler **Song Leader:** Erin Rodman

Greeters: Erv Boschmann & granddaughter **Usher:** Cindy Mast

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation **Visuals:** Maggie Girard

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 [12 weeks]

This will be 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 are using Stuart Murray's book *The Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith* and Walter Wink's *The Powers that Be*. Meets in the Multipurpose room.

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. Meets in the Middle classroom.

Birthdays

Today and Upcoming at FMC

This week: Pastor Shannon is out of the office leading a group of CTS students on a trip to El Salvador

October 13--Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

October 15--Red Cross blood drive from 10:45 to 2:45

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

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

October 21-- Annual All-Church Fall Party at Allen and Cindy Mast's

(Orange flyer with details are in your church mailbox.)

PRAYER CONCERNS - October 8, 2017

- Pray for safety and courage for JoAnne who is participating in an international unified anti-drone protest at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada.
- Pray for Sarah brother Weldon, who has begun hospice care.
- Pray for Joyce recovering at home.
- Pray for Ben for his ministry as our pastoral intern and our nurturing during this year.
- Pray for Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. Pray for courage and relief for Erin and Mike.
- 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.

Luke 3:1-9 (NRSV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

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