

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Mennonicity

October 15, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to this place--a place where **all** are welcome. You who have come home often, and who have not been home for a very long time.

P: Welcome home.

L: You who have gone before, you who have been left behind or pushed out; you who are dancing elsewhere.

P: Your spirits are remembered in this home.

L: When we gather, may we find beloved friends, the finest foods, cups pouring over, anointing oil. May we be present to the most colorful God who welcomes with reckless abandon.

P: May we be blessed in this home.

L: May we find joy, passion and love in this house. May this house of abundance be our dwelling forever.

P: Welcome, and blessed be!

Hymn #12 "Come, let us all unite to sing"

Children's Time

Gloria

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 #338 "I know not why God's wondrous grace"

Offering

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

Scripture Matthew 18:12-22

Sermon "Us"

Bob Brown

Hymn of response SJ #94 "Blest are they"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Closing Hymn #425 "Come, come ye saints"

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: Erv

Song Leader: Emilie

Greeter: Jim

Usher: Sue Turner

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

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. 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 multi-purpose 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 sanctuary overflow this week.

Birthdays

Today and Upcoming at FMC

TODAY: Red Cross blood drive from 10:45 to 2:45 in middle classrooms
Crop Walk this afternoon - See Delbert Culp
October 21--LOMBARD PEACE CENTER one-day workshop at FMC
October 21-- Annual all-church fall party at the home of Allen and Cindy Mast. Children's activities at 3:30 p.m.; wiener roast at 5:00 p.m.
(Orange flyer with details in your church mailbox.)

PRAYER CONCERNS - October 15, 2017

- Pray for Christina, Jeanene's niece, who is a wife and mother of two teenagers and who was found to have inoperable lung cancer.
- Pray for safety for JoAnne who is participating in an international anti-drone protest at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada.
- Pray for Sarah's family in the death of her brother Weldon on October 7. There is a card to sign for Sarah.
- 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.

Matthew 18:12-22 (NRSV)

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about

anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

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