

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Mennonicity

October 22, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Michael

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: In a world of conflict, in a polarized nation, in a city plagued by violence we cry

P: God, God, why have you forsaken us? Where have you gone? Do you hear us?

L: In our restless seeking, in our quest for answers, in our spiritual exercises, we wonder--

P: why don't you answer day or night?

L: Quiet us. Center us. Open us to your emptiness, your holy absence, and allow it to hold us.

All: Yes, our ancestors trusted you. May we too come to a place of trust,

our emptiness and absence absorbed in yours.

Hymn #72 "When all thy mercies, O my God" ensemble & congregation

Children's Time

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 SS#124 "My soul cries out"

Offering

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

Scripture Matthew 22:34-40

Stories of Mennonicity Patty, Todd, Elvin

Hymn of response SJ #99 "You walk along our shoreline"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Shannon Dycus

Closing Hymn #567 "How firm a foundation"

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: Marj

Song Leader: Jana Miller

Greeters: Delbert & LuEtta

Ushers: Rosner family

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 is 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 and John facilitate the discussion. Meets in the middle classroom.

Birthdays

Upcoming at FMC

Wednesday, October 25: Men's morning meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, October 27: Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 28: Fall workday from 8:30 to 1:30; sign up at the kiosk.

Sunday, October 29: "Keeping FMC Safe" during Sunday school.

PRAYER CONCERNS - October 22, 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 Sarah's family in the death of her brother Weldon on October 7.
- 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 22:34-40 (NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

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