

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Power--Spirit & Place Festival

November 5, 2017

Musical preparation for worship

Erin

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Unlike earthly kings, you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful.

P: You sent us your Son, Jesus the Christ, to rule over us, not as a tyrant, but as a gentle shepherd.

L: Keep us united and strong in faith, that we may always know your presence in our lives, and, when you call us home,

All: may we enter your heavenly kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen .

Hymn SJ#108 "Give thanks for life"

Children's Time

Nancy

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

Bringing our offerings & donations for the Glick Neighborhood Center

Time of Remembrance

Hymn SS#121 "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

Scripture 1 Samuel 8:10-22a

Sermon "What is power?"

Bob Brown

Hymn of response SJ#63 "Lord, you give the great commission"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Closing Hymn SJ#61 "How can we be silent"

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: Jana

Greeters: Erv & granddaughter

Ushers: Gloria & Mike

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 [ends December 3]

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 [last session]

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

Today and upcoming at FMC

Wednesday, November 8: Men's morning meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 10: Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 12: Adult choir begins during Sunday school hour

Sunday, November 19: Harvest potluck at noon

PRAYER CONCERNS - November 5, 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 Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. While there has been improvement, there are still concerns. Pray for both Erin and Mike as they work through this.
- 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.

1 Samuel 8:10-22a (NRSV)

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them."

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