

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

## Work in Progress, Mennonite Mission Network

November 19, 2017

### Musical preparation for worship

Priscilla Boschmann

### Welcome

Shannon Dycus

### Call to Worship

**Hymn** SJ#18 "Over my head"

### Children's Time

Sandy Miller

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

Shannon Dycus

### Offering

### Singing

SJ#97 "The Lord is my light"

"New Name Over in Glory"

#### Lyrics:

I've got a new home, over in glory . . .

And it's mine, mine, mine.

I've got a new home, over in glory . . .

And it's mine, mine, mine.

#### Additional verses:

I've got a new name

I've got a new walk

I've got a new talk

I've got a new home

### Scripture Revelation 7:9-14

**Sermon** "Worship Around the Throne"

Ann Jacobs & Sandy

Miller

### Passing the Friendship Register

**Sermon responses, sharing of joys, and introduction of guests**

**Congregational prayer**

Bob Brown

**Closing Hymn** SJ#73 "The Lord lift you up"

### 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:** Shannon Dycus

**Greeters:** Erv & granddaughter

**Ushers:** Ethel & Paul Hartman

**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 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 multi-purpose room.

**Adult choir** meets today during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary. Jana Miller is the director.

**Work in Progress.** This Sunday school class will touch on issues of white privilege, racism, and power. Please join Sandy and in the "Wisdom" room for a time of discussion and exploration.

### **Today and upcoming at FMC**

**Friday, November 24:** Women's Bible study meets each Friday at 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 26:** No Sunday school classes

**Sunday, November 26:** Hosting begins for Family Promise here at FMC

**Sunday, December 17:** Vote on Grievance Policy

**Sunday, December 17:** Children's Christmas musical program

Next Sunday, November 26- **-We are inviting you to share thoughts about power during our sermon time.** Please take some time and reflect on who we are in the face of power. These questions will guide our time of sharing:

1. What power do you have, and how does it impact others?
2. Power = Force +     ?    .

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS - November 19, 2017**

- Pray for Maurice and family. Maurice's father is now in hospice. Pray for the entire family.
- Pray for Marie and family as her mother has been placed in hospice care.
- Pray for Laurel who had a procedure for a retina problem.
- Pray for Donna who learned last week that she has breast cancer.
- Pray for the community of Sutherland Springs, Texas, after the incident at First Baptist Church, taking many lives.
- 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.*

#### **Revelation 7:9-14 (NRSV)**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he

said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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