

A Celebration of Christian Worship

January 21, 2018

Musical preparation for worship

Priscilla

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

P: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

L: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

P: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

L: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

All: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Hymn #46 "I sing the mighty power of God"

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

Offering & song #95 "Praise God, the Source of life"

Poem "*The Creation*" by James Weldon Johnson

Scripture Genesis 1:9-12, 24

Sermon "In the beginning, God."

Shannon Dycus

Response Hymn SJ#24 "Creation is a song" ensemble & congregation

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Bob Brown

Closing hymn #414 "God, who stretched"

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: Erin

Greeters: Diana & Ed

Ushers: Deb & Robin

Worship Visuals: Emilie

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for fellowship following the worship service. Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's, MYF, and JYF Sunday school classes meet today in their usual classrooms.

Adult Sunday school classes

The Artist's Way This class is for everyone young and old striving to reconnect to their creative self to the Creator and to learn about healing and recovery. Watch the author talk about the process in this video. There are still several copies of the book available. Meets in the multi-purpose room and led by Jeremy and Cathy.

Plant Based Diets and Faith There are numerous motivations that lead people to plant-based diets, many of them equally valid. In this class, we'll discuss the ways that eating a plant-centered diet might help us to tread more lightly on the earth, live more simply, and nourish our bodies well, while pursuing the Anabaptist value of non-violence. Julie will be leading this class and meets in the middle classroom off the fellowship hall.

MYF Open House Do you think it's cool to participate in a Sunday school class MYF-style? Do you desire to spend more time with our youth? Then join them this Sunday as they begin a new series on relationships. Next opportunities for an open house with the MYF will be February 25 and March 4 in their upstairs classroom.

Upcoming at FMC

Wednesday, January 24: Men's morning meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10: Volunteering at Gleaners from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Service at Shalom Mennonite, 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays

PRAYER CONCERNS - January 21, 2018

- Pray for Ellen's brother-in-law, Dick (South Bend), who is being treated here at Methodist Hospital for uncontrolled seizures.
- Pray for Ron and Marty in the death of Colleen on Saturday, January 6. Celebration of Life service was yesterday at Westview Christian Church.
- Pray for Falguni who had thyroid surgery this past Monday.
- Pray for Addie who suffered a broken leg recently.
- Pray for comfort for LuEtta's brother, Ron, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Treatment plan is under consideration.
- Pray for Mennonite Mission Network missionaries Peter and Delicia Wigginton. Baby Ariana is having small seizures and being evaluated by specialists in Quito, Ecuador.
- 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.

Genesis 1:9-12, 24 (NRSV)

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth

brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.

"We are, ourselves, creations. And we, in turn, are meant to continue creativity by being creative ourselves."

--The Artist's Way (Cameron)

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