

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Creation: Genesis 1 & 2

January 28, 2018

Musical preparation for worship

Michael

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: In the beginning God created all things, and God saw that they were good.

P: At our beginning, God created us unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God.

L: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place.

All: Lord God, King of Creation, open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, ever here in your creation. Amen.

Hymn #37 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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"

Hymn "The Whole Earth is Full of the Glory of God" [from Circle of Hope]

Scripture Genesis 2:4b-9

Sermon "Why?"

Bob Brown

Response Hymn SJ#27 "God of the Bible"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Rachel

Closing hymn SJ#49 "Rain down"

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: Dennis

Song Leader: Mary

Greeters: Erv & granddaughter

Ushers: Marilyn & Ralph

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 [second of 12 sessions] 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 [second of four sessions] There are numerous motivations that lead people to plant-based diets, many of them equally valid. In this class, we are discussing 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 Monroe is leading this class and meets in the middle classroom off the fellowship hall.

Congratulations to Chuck and Maggie on the birth of Cicely on Monday, Cicely weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. All, including big brother Ian, are doing well.

Upcoming at FMC

Shannon Dycus is out of the office this week on vacation.

Sunday, February 4: Food Pantry Sunday for Glick Neighborhood Center

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 28, 2018

- Pray for Doreen who has been struggling with a lingering cough for over a month.
- 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 on January 20 at Westview Christian Church.
- Pray for Falguni who recently had thyroid surgery.
- Pray for Addie who recently suffered a broken leg.
- Pray for comfort for LuEtta's brother, Ron, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Treatment plan is under consideration.
- 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 2:4b-9 (NRSV)

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the

east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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