

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Creation: Genesis 1 & 2

February 4, 2018

Musical preparation for worship

Erin

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: At the beginning,

God created *us* unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before He created us.

P: May we hear the story of God's love and compassion.

L: At the beginning,

God created *all people* unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,

known and treasured by God even before He created us all.

P: May we tell the story of God's love and compassion.

All: Help us to continue your work of creation and redemption.

Hymn #53 "God of the earth, the sky, the sea"

Children's Time

Kevin

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 Glick Neighborhood Center

Song #614 "In the bulb there is a flower"

Scripture Genesis 1:1-6

Sermon "Let There Be a Dome. . . ."

Bob Brown

Response Hymn SJ#40 "As rain from the clouds"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Shannon Dycus

Closing hymn #154 "This is my Father's world"

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: Ralph

Song Leader: Jana

Greeters: Friend family

Ushers: Kenton & Sue

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 classes meet today in their own classrooms.

Adult Sunday school classes

The Artist's Way [third 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 [third 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 is leading this class and meets in the middle classroom off the fellowship hall.

Adult Choir meets in the sanctuary. Jana is the director.

Stitching on the Justice Banner happening in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Upcoming at FMC

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.

Saturday, March 17: Chili cook-off and MYF auctions (forms in mailboxes)

Next Sunday, February 11, we will be opening up the sermon time for sharing. In light of our conversations about creation and creativity, we wanted to make some space for reflection and sharing. Please consider these two questions: (1) What does Genesis tell us about a creating God? (2) What is our work as creative people?

PRAYER CONCERNS - February 4, 2018

- Pray for David's sister, Jennifer Helling (66), who was recently diagnosed with ALS and a prognosis of two years to live.
- Praises with the Wigginton family as their daughter improves and progresses in light of seizures.
- Pray for our church custodian, Steven, who is facing the possibility of stomach cancer.
- Pray for Doreen who has been struggling with a lingering cough for over a month.
- Pray for Ellen 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.
- Pray for comfort for LuEtta's brother, Ron, who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Treatment plan has been decided and will begin soon.
- Pray for Erin who is struggling with severe anxiety. While there has been improvement, there are still concerns. Pray for both Erin and 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.

Birthdays

Genesis 1:1-6 (NRSV)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

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