

A Service of Christian Worship

Stewardship Sunday

April 15, 2018

Musical preparation for worship

Priscilla Boschmann

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Gracious Lord, you feed our bodies with the gifts of the earth; you delight our souls with abundant grace; you nourish our spirits with eternal love.

P: Bread of life and fruitful vine. Thank you.

L: Strengthen our desire for your presence and give us courage to be good stewards of God's many blessings.

P: Creator and redeemer of all things. Thank you.

L: God, you are the giver of every gift. All that we have is yours.

P: Generous caretaker and loving shepherd. Thank you.

All: Help us to be generous givers of our time and resources, so we can continue Jesus' work on earth. Amen.

Hymn #96 "We plow the fields and scatter"

Children's Time

Brian Veeder

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

Hymn #387 "Lord, thou dost love"

Scripture Matthew 6:22-23

Sermon "Our Abundant God"

Chad Campbell

Hymn SJ#94 "Blest are they"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Closing Hymn #420 "Heart with loving heart united"

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 Hood, Randy Stoesz, Ralph Stutzman

Care Team: Annette Bolton, Heidi Boschmann Amstutz, Ted Danielson,

Linda Dixon, Robin Helmuth, Mary Liechty, Kevin Rosner,

Rachel Showalter, Ben Tapper

Worship Leader: Carol Mullet

Song Leader: Emilie Walson

Greeters: Jim Sauder & Connor Stoesz

Ushers: Showalter family

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for fellowship in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's and MYF classes meet today in regular classrooms.

Adult Sunday school classes

Issues of Faith [session two of seven] facilitated by our Faith in Action commission to discuss the primary challenges for families seeking to thrive in Indiana. *Faith in Indiana (formerly IndyCan)* is a helpful network to help us engage in issues impacting our community. Today we are discussing Pre-K for All.

Upcoming class sessions are: Ending Gun Violence (April 22), Jobs for All (April 29), Ending Mass Deportation (May 6), Ending Mass Incarceration (May 13), Healthcare for All (May 20). This class will use multiple speakers to empower us to do this and identify next steps in our faithfulness. Meets in the multi-purpose room.

Reading From the Margins: Suffering and Hope . Faithfulness and Justice. (Second session of four). Ben Tapper is leading discussions using recent articles he has written for *The Mennonite and Christianity Now*. The articles capture these theological tensions and are the platform for discussion of how we engage and discern God's invitation. Today's class will be *No More Martyrs*. Meets in the Wisdom room.

Everence stewardship class: THE IMPACT OF OUR GIVING DECISIONS: While our intentions for giving are for good, there can be unintended negative effects, as well. How can we faithfully follow God's call to be a good neighbor to those around us? STEWARDS OF GRACE: We will examine the stewardship of time, talents, health, money, creation care and relationships. Each of these six topics will provide some savory food for thought about these issues. Meets in the middle classrooms.

Today and Upcoming at FMC

April 27 Friday evening 5:00-8:00 p.m. - JYF babysitting

April 28 All-church retreat; sign up on the bulletin board

May 12 Saturday morning 9:00-11:30 a.m. - Women's Brunch

June 8-10 Save the date for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. More fun details coming soon.

Matthew 6:22-23 (NRSV)

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!



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