

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

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Musical preparation for worship

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Welcome

Call to Worship

**L:** All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. All things are of your making. All times and seasons obey you.

**P:** You chose to create us in your own image and to set us over all the whole world in all its wonder.

**L:** You made us the stewards of creation, to praise you every day for your wisdom and power.

**P:** May we imitate your son, Jesus, in his life of service.

**All: May we be faithful stewards of all your gifts to us, the People of God. AMEN**

Hymn #1 "What is this place"

Children's Time

Shannon Dycus

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

Dedication of Sound/AV System

Offering

Hymn SS#62 "Help us to help each other, Lord"

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Sermon " A Letter Home"

Abby Shetler

Hymn #306 "In Christ there is no east or west"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Ben Tapper

Closing Hymn #421 "Blest be the tie that binds"

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: Marj Rush Hovde

Song Leader: Jana Miller

Greeters: Erv Boschmann & granddaughter and Connor Stoesz

Ushers: Ethel and Paul Hartman

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 Youth classes meet today in regular classrooms.

## ALL-ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

As we continue to celebrate community, Faith Formation and Church Life Commissions want to share about what's happening in their groups and how you might connect. We'll meet in the fellowship hall.

## Adult Sunday school classes for next week.

Issues of Faith: 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. We will be discussing 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 Multipurpose room.

Acts Inductive Bible Study; For the month of May, Bob Brown will facilitate a study of the book of Acts, starting in Chapter 2 as we approach Pentecost on May 20. We will also talk about Bible study tools and work together to interpret this scripture for today.

## Today and Upcoming at FMC

**May 06** Graduate Recognition Sunday for: Abigail Bixler, Evan Fontaine, Kali Garcia, Danielle Patrick, Ian Yoder

**May 12** Women's Brunch 9:00-11:30 AM

**May 20** Walking for Dreams, Registration 1:00 PM & Walk 2:00 PM

**May 27** Faith in Action Sunday - Focus: Food

June 08-10 Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. More fun details coming soon.

**Jun 10** VBS Church-wide Potluck Meal

**Jun 14-16** IN-MI CONFERENCE at FMC

**Today is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**, which means a "hymnal sing-along" is planned at Shalom Mennonite! It will begin at 6:30 - 8:00 PM. We will begin on hymn #328 in the blue hymnal. (per Jim & Linda Showalter)

### Birthdays

April 30: Charlie McIntosh, Finn McIntosh

May 2: Alex Kauffman

May 3: Lena Charles

### 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NRSV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.



*MYF Freshman Initiation for the class of 2013*

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