

A Celebration of Christian Worship

June 3, 2018

Blessing of Letters for Hunger
Congregational prayer

Shannon Dycus

Musical preparation for worship

Erin Rodman

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Still knowing the ways and the facts of our world, and also wanting something that surpasses knowledge,
P: We lift up our hands to Jesus. We lift up our hands to God.
L: Still listening to the news of violence and war, and also wanting to hear about a force more powerful,
P: We lift up our hands to Jesus. We lift up our hands to God.
L: Still doing our best to love one another, and also wanting to train ourselves to love in new ways,
P: We lift up our hands to Jesus. We lift up our hands to God.
L: Still carrying and knowing and listening and doing, and also wanting to fully enter into worship and praise,
ALL: *We lift up our hands to Jesus. We lift up our hands to God.*

Hymn SJ#65 "Let justice flow like streams"

Announcements

Parent-Child Dedication John and Valerie Yoder bringing Henry Conrad
Bob and Lauren Brown bringing Jasper Joseph

Bringing our offerings and donations for Glick Neighborhood Center

Offertory: Revive Us Again (arr. M. Hayes)

Reconnecting to Birmingham

Bob Brown

Excerpts from "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

Children's Time

Marie Harnish

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.

Signing of the Banner

Singing SJ#52 "Jesus help us live in peace"

Blessing of the Banner

Hymn of response SJ#61 "How can we be silent"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of service responses, joys and introduction of guests

Closing Hymn SS#124 "My soul cries out"

Blessing & Postlude

In lieu of applause, we encourage a hearty "AMEN."

Intergenerational Sunday school options

Offering of Letters

This is a second opportunity to write letters to Congress regarding upcoming Farm Bill in the Bread for the World campaign. This is for all ages and will be in the multi-purpose room.

"Just Us Towards Justice" Crafting

Continue creating - bring out your crafty side, helping to tell the story of *Just Us Towards Justice*. All ages are welcome to create with pieces of fabric and coloring. Marie Harnish will lead us in this activity. Meeting in the middle classrooms.

Today and Upcoming at FMC

Pastor Shannon will be out of the office this week taking a seminary class at

San Francisco Theological Seminary.

June 8-10 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Friday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00a.m. to 2:20 p.m. with lunch provided

Sunday worship and Sunday school for all ages based on VBS theme

June 10 VBS church-wide potluck at noon. Burgers and hot dogs provided; please bring side dishes

June 14-16 IN-MI Mennonite Conference at FMC. We need food donations and servers, greeters, drivers, etc. Please sign up on the kiosk to help.

June 19 Congregational Care Team training 12:00-4:00 p.m.

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, Kevin Rosner,

Rachel Showalter

Worship Leader: Paul Hartman

Song Leader: Jana Miller

Greeters: LuEtta Culp & Jim Sauder

Ushers: Bill & Janet Wakefield

Birthdays

June 5: Robin Helmuth

June 8: Owen Friesen, Lisa Miller

...I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.

Dr. Martin Luther King

Letter from a Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963



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