

A Celebration of Christian Worship

Journey Forward—Identity and Context

September 9, 2018

Musical preparation for worship

David

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We bow our knees before our Maker,

All: from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

L: We pray that, according to the riches of God's glory,

A: God may grant that we may be strengthened in our inner beings with

power through the Spirit,

L: and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,

A: as we are being rooted and grounded in love.

L: We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,

A: what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

L: and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

A: so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

L: Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

A: to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Hymn SS#55 "Love the Lord your God"

Children's Time

Nancy

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 [My Coins Count collection in jars]

Hymn SS#54 "What does the Lord require of you"

Scripture Ephesians 3:18-19

Sermon "Wholeness"

Bob Brown

Hymn of response SJ#79 "As I went down to the river"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys and introduction of guests

Congregational Prayer

Simone

Closing hymn #420 "Heart with loving heart united"

Blessing

Postlude

Co-Pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

Pastoral Intern: Simone Murray

Faith Formation Coordinator & Pastoral Intern: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Gloria, Randy, Ralph

Care Team: Annette, Heidi, Ted,
Linda, Robin, Kevin, Rachel

Worship Leader: Lisa

Song Leader: Erin

Accompanist: Jana

Greeters: David & Rhonda

Ushers: Marilyn & Ralph

Join us for fellowship after the service following the worship service.

Coffee and hot tea are available in the fellowship hall.

Sunday school classes begin today for children and youth. Class lists on doors. Here are the children's classes along with their location and teachers:

- Ages 2 & 3, Rhonda, "Love"
- Pre-K and K, Alicia & Nathan, "Trust"
- Grades 1 & 2, LuEtta, "Patience"
- Grades 3, 4, & 5 Mark, "Goodness" (second floor)

MYF will meet in their classroom. JYF and parents will head over to kick-off.

Adult classes

Journey Forward using an eight-week guide from Mennonite Church USA for churchwide discernment with our delegates Marj and Todd. It will be a great way to listen to each other and God for vision of our church. Meets in the multi-purpose room.

Faith in Action Issues with John. Mass incarceration, health care, voting rights—let's keep talking together about issues impacting our communities. We will choose topics to discuss, engage podcasts, TED Talks or articles to think about them faithfully. Meets in middle classrooms.

Upcoming at FMC

September 13: Men's morning meeting at 8:00 a.m.

September 30: FMC golf outing (sign up at the kiosk)

Slate of new leaders to be affirmed on Sunday, September 30

(all are for two-year terms ending in 2020)

Finance Committee chair-elect – **Brian**

Faith Formation Commission chair-elect – **Cathy**

Church Life Commission co-chair elects – **Lynn & Ethel**

Birthdays

PRAYER CONCERNS – September 9, 2018

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NRSV)

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

From Journey Forward's Renewed Commitments for Mennonite Church USA:

God invites us to experience and bear witness to the belovedness of all creation. We yearn to know and share in the mystery of God's unending love. We confess that sin fragments our wholeness and strains our relationships with God, each other and the world.

Confronted with the misuses of power in our lives, communities and institutions, we seek to tell the truth and repent. The Holy Spirit beckons us toward the restoration of all things in Christ. God continually calls us beloved.



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