

Second Sunday of Lent

Who can be saved?

March 5, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words for Meditation - from First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament *

"Take care not to store up possessions on earth that can be spoiled by worms, eaten by moths, or stolen by thieves. Instead, give away your possessions to the ones in need, and then you will be storing up great possessions in the spirit-world above, where nothing can be lost or stolen. For where you store your valued possessions is where your heart will be." (Mt 6:19-21)

"... from my youth I have followed all of these instructions. What have I left undone?" "Only one thing remains," [Creator Sets Free (Jesus)] answered. "Take all of your possessions and give them to the ones who have none, and then you will have great possessions in the spirit-world above."

"Come," he said to the man, "and walk the road with me." But when the young man heard this, his heart fell to the ground. He hung his head and walked away, for he had many possessions. (Mt. 19:20b-22)

Welcome & Call to Worship**

We are here to follow Jesus

WITH HALTING STEPS

And questioning minds

WITH READY HANDS

And pierced hearts

WITH JOY FOR EACH OTHER

And gratitude for God.

LET US FOLLOW JESUS

And let us worship God.

HYMN *We Sing To You, O God* VT 80

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!* Response: *And also with you!*

Praying for the Peace of Christ to Rule in our Hearts

Hear the words of Jesus:

"Peace I leave with you,

my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

HYMN *Don't Be Afraid* (repeated as a prayer) VT 596

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:16-30

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Service Adventure Unit in Colorado Springs

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer: *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

Announcements

SENDING

HYMN *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (verses 1 and 2) VT 283

Benediction

Postlude ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, with coffee/tea/juice in the Common Grounds room. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am (Mentors & Mentees meet upstairs in the "Upper Room").

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Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery Attendant: Nick & Cathia Krehbiel
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds
Scripture Reader: Delon Martens
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

COMING UP...

TODAY – Mentors & Mentees meet @ 11:00am

Mon March 6 – Service Adventure Units meeting @ FMC (evening)

Mon-Wed Mar 6-8 – MCC Comforter Blitz, Journey @ Yoder

Wed Mar 8 – first WNAF, dinner@6:00pm, Bible study @6:50pm (see below)

Mon March 13 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wed March 15 – first Choir rehearsal . . . 5:30-6:30pm

Thurs March 16 – Congregational Ministry Team meeting @ 2:00

Sat March 25 – FMC serves at the Christian Soup Ministry – volunteers needed!

March 2023 WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First) begins March 8!

Be sure to mark Wednesdays **March 8, 15, 22 and 29** on your calendar to join your church family for dinner, fellowship and bible study! Choir rehearsals will also begin, but not till March 15. **The schedule is DIFFERENT than previous sessions, so take note:**

5:30-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (NOT March 8 – begins March 15)

6:00-6:45pm Dinner served

6:50-7:50pm Bible Study (planning to offer childcare – volunteers needed!)

The Bible Study will be part of the Anabaptist at 500 *Reading Scripture Together* project sponsored by MennoMedia. The invitation is to participate in creating the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which will feature marginal notes and commentary from five hundred Bible study groups (including ours!) from a wide spectrum of Anabaptist faith communities. Ideally

participants will come for all 4 sessions, but if you can only come part of the time that is fine (*DO try to come on the 8th to benefit from the introduction to the project*). You will be invited to do some reading and reflecting on your own during the week to help prepare for discussion. We look forward to the study and conversation!



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