



Climate Action FOR PEACE

Peace Sunday

Sept 24, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God, whose love invites and welcomes us here.

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 136)*

Congregational Response: *God's faithful love lasts forever!*

HYMN *Praise, I Will Praise You Lord* VT 131

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

Scripture Reading *Psalm 19:1-14*

Luke 19:41-42; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Children's Time ... *Baptized to New Life*

HYMN *The Peace of the Earth Be With You* VT 838

Meditation
Call to Action

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VT 847

Benediction
Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Today's worship is based on Peace Sunday Worship materials prepared and offered by Mennonite Central Committee.

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Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

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.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Dennis and Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: Anna Crable
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds
Call to Worship: Jalen Crable, Reuben Wenger, Hannah Nisly, Addison Barr
Peace Lamp, Children's Time: Hannah Nisly
Scripture Readers: Reuben Wenger, Ryker Wiens
Meditation, Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Call to Action: Senior Youth

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Becoming A People of God*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, using Salt & Light curriculum from Menno Media. This class is facilitated by Calvin Buller and Marlene Thode. LOCATION: basement classroom next to water fountains.
- **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS**, meeting in the basement fellowship hall (and on Zoom!) This group is using a 6-week video-based spiritual formation resource from Renovaré: *"From the Inside Out."* Pastor Jim and Pastor Tonya will be facilitating this class.
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS**, meeting in the library. For more details, talk with Maggie or Adam Pounds.

Book Study Opportunity . . . *Stuck Together*, by J. Nelson Kraybill

Study group meeting Wednesdays at 1:00pm beginning October 4. Open to anyone wishing to grow in patience, curiosity and grace as partners in dialogue with others in polarizing conversations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- October 1 – Crop Hunger Walk 2:00pm. Checks to CWS/CROP.
- October 7 – Mennonite Friendship Communities Auction
- October 8 – Safe Sanctuary Training (RSVP to Pastor Tonya)
- October 9 – Craft Night @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall
- October 11 – WNAF (Wednesday Night @ First) begins
- October 14 – Bethel College Fall Fest
- October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting
- October 31 – Donuts on the Lawn
- December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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