

Week Three: Stories of Leaving Home

July 28, 2024

WE GATHER

The chime is rung as an invitation to settle with gratitude into this moment, this place, with these people and the God who gathers us in.

Prelude Words for the Journey

Opening Prayer HYMN *The Lord Your God is With You* (VT 173) Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone.

Forgive us when we turn away.

Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.

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Words of Assurance

The Peace of the Risen Christ is with you! *And also with you!* (Fellowship Greeting)

Hymn: My Life Flows On (VT 605)

WE LISTEN & PROCLAIM

Our Quest for Peace – *Lighting the Peace Lamp*Children's Time
Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:10-19; Ephesians 3:14-21
Stories of "Leaving Home"

WE RESPOND & SHARE OUR STORIES

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (with Lord's Prayer)

WE VENTURE FORTH

Announcements
HYMN: Seek Ye First (VT 417)
Benediction
Postlude

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

The Nursery is typically 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.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Sadie Nisly
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens
Nursery: Pauline Buller
Musicians: Adam Pounds,& Shane Miller, Sadie Pritchett
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Scripture Reader: Cheryl Warkentin
Children's Time: Diane Ziemer
Storytellers: Adrienne Derstine & Adam Butler
Prayers of the People: Maggie Pounds

Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

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!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- Sunday School for Pre-K Sr. High on August 4 & 18

LOOKING AHEAD:

- July 23-August 9 Pastor Tonya sabbatical time away
- August 2-4 WDC annual assembly, Beatrice NE
- August 11 FMC leads worship service at Mennonite Friendship Communities, 10:00am
- August 18 Sr. Youth Kick-off event beginning with lunch
- August 25 assemble MCC School Kits following worship (in the fellowship hall)

PERSONAL and FAMILY MEDITATION:

Upper Room – July-August is expected to arrive in the next few days. Check back above mailboxes. **REJOICE!** – the August-September issue is now on the shelf above the mailboxes.



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