

Community Mennonite Church

March 7, 2010

Holding On, Letting Go Lent 2010

Gathering

PRELUDE

Matt Lind

ISAIAH 55: 1 – 9

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

2 Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me;
hear me, that your soul may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.

4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the peoples.

5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations that do not know you will hasten to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor."

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn to the LORD,
and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Delo Blough

THEME SONG

Dorothy Jean Weaver

Holding On

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

HYMN OF RESPONSE

God, fill me now
Purple 64

God of our life
Blue 486

LITANY based on Psalm 63:1-8

Leader: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Left: *We have seen you in the sanctuary*

Right: *and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
our lips will glorify you.*

All: **We will praise you as long as we live,
and in your name we will lift up our hands.**

Leader: My soul will be satisfied
as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Left: *On our bed we remember you;
We think of you through the watches of the night.*

Right: *Because you are our help,
we sing in the shadow of your wings.*

All: **Our souls cling to you; your right hand upholds us.**

SONGS

O let all who thirst
Blue 495

I sought the Lord
Blue 506

Hearing the Word

SCRIPTURE

Shannon and Justus Sneary

Luke 13:1-9

I Corinthians 10:8-13

SERMON

Jason Gerlach

"I think that it is a portrait of me"

RESPONSE TO SERMON

I saw a tree by the riverside
Purple 116

Letting Go

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONGS

Slowly turning, ever turning
Green 23

Nada te turbe
Blue 562

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS/CARING AND SHARING OFFERING
OFFERTORY

SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School begins at 10:30

Welcome to all visitors!

- Coat racks are in the rear of the fellowship hall
- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 2 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks
- "quiet activity bags" for young children are available in back left side of sanctuary
- Visitor Information can be found on the small bookcase on the north wall of the fellowship hall.
- Please let us know you were here by filling out a blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering plate.
- Sunday school offerings for adults and children are listed on bulletin board on north wall of fellowship hall, as well as on Visitor Information bookshelf.

TODAY, March 7

Worship at 9:00 AM – Caring & Sharing offering
Announcements: Jason Gerlach
Nursery: David & Esther Stenson
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Greeters: Sara Hartzler & Gloria Rutt
Head Usher: Harold Shenk
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
MYF Spaghetti fundraiser meal at noon

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CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM LIT with Tim Jost at Hostetter home
Wed 7:00 PM MYF “Stump the Chump”
7:00 PM Outreach Commission, Rm 201
Thur 7:00 PM Youth Commission, Rm 201
Fri 5:00 PM Venture Club International Night
Sun Worship at 9:00 AM (Daylight Savings Time!)
Speaker: Bill Hawk
Worship Leader: Prism Small Group
Song Leader: Jay Hartzler
Nursery: Marj Nafziger & Reta Finger
Sound:
Greeters: Nicholas Stoddard & Wilma Gingerich
Head Usher: Jim Bishop
MYF Bible Quizzing at 2 PM

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH
Thur 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

Mar 14 Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11b-32

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

April 5-12 HARTS at CMC
July 11-16 MYF service trip to New York
Sept 10-12 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook

OUR MISSION

*We the people of Community Mennonite Church
offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ.
We strive actively to follow the God of peace
through our worship, fellowship, and service to
both the local community and the wider world.*

Leadership

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Meg Wightman, Pastor of Community Life
cmc_meg@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-4
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
Mark Metzler Sawin, Vice-Chair
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30

Attendance last Sunday: 259

Offering: \$13,143.57

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$4,896.87