

Community Mennonite Church

March 21, 2010

Holding On, Letting Go Lent 2010

Gathering

PRELUDE
UMAC

WELCOME
Joyce Lind

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When God restored us, it was like a dream:
People: we laughed aloud and shouted for joy.
Leader: Those around us noticed the difference:
People: they saw what God had done.
All This is what we long for: God's saving presence, always.

HYMNS
Jeremy Nafziger

God, fill me now
Purple 64
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Blue 137

Holding On

SCRIPTURE READING
Dave Graybill and Brenda Martin

John 12:1-8

DRAMA
Ted Swartz and friends

SILENCE

HYMN
I'm pressing on the upward way
Green 96

Hearing the Word

SCRIPTURE READING
Dave Graybill and Brenda Martin

Isaiah 43:16-21

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight,
O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

SERMON
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

HYMN OF RESPONSE
For me, to live is Christ
Purple 111

Letting Go

NAMING OUR HOPES AND FEARS

HYMN
Open, Lord my inward ear
Blue 140

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS
OFFERTORY
UMAC

SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER
Meg Wightman

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

UMAC singers: Andrew Hostetter, Everett Brubaker, Aaron Erb, Brendan Erb, Benson Hostetter, Neil Gunden and Philip Yoder

Drama Participants: Ted Swartz, David Vogel, Gussie Nafziger, Jonathan Murch, Jennifer Murch, Izzy Howard, Pasqual Bude, Jennifer Ulrich, Matt Lind, Matt Carlson, Leah Wenger

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School begins at 10:30

HOPES AND FEARS

This year as we continue our Lenten worship discipline of holding on and letting go, we are aware of God's call to CMC to deepen our spirituality in 2010 in these three ways:

- ◆ **Enrich our prayer practices.**
- ◆ **Follow Jesus in our relationships with persons who are gay or lesbian.**
- ◆ **Respond to the Holy Spirit's invitations.**

This second item carries strong emotions for many of us. Pastoral Team believes it will be a good practice for all of us to name both our fears and our hopes as we practice skills for congregational dialogue on difficult issues. We'll do this as an act of worship.

On March 21st we'll name **our fears and hopes** by writing them down during worship and placing them at the foot of the cross. During the week Pastoral Team will read these and prepare a litany or prayer for worship on March 28th, so that as a congregation we hear one another's fears and hopes. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 28th. Surely Jesus, the crowds, the Galilean disciples, and the others who joined along the way were full of hopes and fears as they entered Jerusalem with palm branches. No one knew exactly what would happen when Jesus addressed the difficult issues of his day in Jerusalem, but ultimately it was good news. We don't know exactly what will happen as CMC begins this dialogue, but we acknowledge our hopes and fears as **we follow Jesus.**

PASTORAL TEAM

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 21

Worship at 9:00 AM
Announcements: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: Hannah Heishman & Laura Quass
Sound: Terry Burkhalter
Greeters: Carissa Sweigart & Keaton Shenk
Head Usher: Lois Kauffman
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

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CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM Needlework group, FH
Fri Pastor Jason in NY for service trip info
Sat JrMYF Progressive Meal
Sun Worship at 9:00 AM
Speaker: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Worship Leader: Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard
Song Leader: Jeremy Nafziger
Nursery: Andrea, Eli & Leah Wenger
Sound: Delbert Wenger
Greeters: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Dorothy Jean Weaver
Palm Sunday Peace Walk 1 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 28 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 3:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

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: 202

Offering: \$4,280.25

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$7,522.92