

Spiritual Practices: Fasting

January 28, 2024

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GATHERING

Touch the Earth Lightly

Jeremy Botts, Song Leader

VT #145

Welcome

Deborah Wetherill

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning,
before time, before people,
before the world began,

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now,
among us, beside us,
clearer than air, closer than breathing,

People: God is.

Leader: In all that is to come,
when we have turned to dust,
and human knowledge has been completed,

People: God will be.

Leader: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ, by the power of
the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

—VT #884

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Come, Thou Fount

VT #563

As a Deer in Want of Water

VT #552

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

How Sweet the Sound (Christi Jones)

Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Alice Kabira

Scripture Reading

Keith Eiten

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Jonah 3: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Listening for the Spirit

Beautiful Things

VT #551

Music for Reflection

Abide With Me (arr. Lloyd Larson)

Choir

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Congregational Prayer

Work of the Church

SENDING

Go, My Friends, in Grace

Words of Blessing

VT #810

This Week's Activities

Today	Nursery: Dinorah Scott, Audra Nelessen	10:00 AM
	Nursery: Doug Kimball, Eric Nelessen	11:30 AM
	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	• Topics on LGBTQ+ Inclusion (Sanctuary)	
	• Meditation Class (Office Wing Classroom)	
	Community Meal: Tales from the Mennonite Action Event in DC	12:15 PM
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	• A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder	
	• Greeter: Linea Richards • Coffee Host: Hilary Rhodes	
	• Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant	
Mon	Mission Commission	6:30 PM
Tue	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
Wed	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
Thu	Menno Men	9:30 AM
	Discernment Planning Team	7:30 PM

Announcements

- Come one, come all to **next Sunday's potluck!** We'll enjoy our meal together after the Sunday school hour and before our session with the DPT. Families A-K bring a green leafy salad or a dessert (cookies or brownies). Families L-Z bring your favorite pasta dish. We will have bread at each table. For further information, contact Mona and Evan R.
- The Discernment Planning Team (DPT) invites everyone to **stay after the potluck next Sunday** to learn about the work of this group. The team has spent several months working to create a process for discerning how we include LGBTQ+ people as part of our congregation. Planning team members will review what has been done so far, and share plans for future work.
- Let us each prayerfully **prepare to celebrate communion** together next Sunday, considering whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Matthew 5: 23-24).