


CHRIST AMONG US, Showing Us Faith

Lent 2; February 25, 2024

Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. 

SILENT PRELUDE

As we embark on this Lenten journey, our faith calls us to walk as Christ did in the wilderness. Take a few moments to contemplate the image of wilderness and the path. Where do you find yourself on this path? Who is with you?

GATHERING

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
VT #611

Welcome Keith Eiten

Call to Worship

One: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory!

Many: All you descendants of Jacob and Rachel,

One: come.

Many: All who are isolated and feel alone,

One: come.

Many: All who are hungry,

One: come.

Many: All who wander,

One: come.

Many: Come, from all ends of the earth.

**All: Come, you who seek God,
proclaim God's glory, and walk in faith.**

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VT #419

God of the Bible

VT #420

Music for Meditation

Choir

Plenty Good Room (arr. Rob Glover)

Offering Prayer

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Trustworthy God, we want to live with faith,
yet we worry there will not be enough.
We want to believe in your promises,
yet we lose hope. We want to follow you,
but sometimes the road is too hard.

**People: We confess before you our unbelief,
our lack of understanding,
our hopelessness.**

Leader: Shape us into a people who will live in faith.
Strengthen us so we can deny ourselves,
take up your cross, and follow you.

**People: In your grace, Lord, give us faith to believe
that you will call into existence
that which you have promised. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Alice Kabira

Scripture Reading

Susan Botts

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Mark 8: 31-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Nathan Perrin
“Learning to Surrender”

Listening for the Spirit

Ask the Complicated Questions VT #440

Music for Reflection Choir
Cry No More (Dan Forrest)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

Longing for Light VT #715
Words of Blessing

This Week’s Activities

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| Today | Nursery: Noah Rhodes, Valerie Kropf | 10:00 AM |
| | Nursery: Ruth Quiroa, Ken G Kabira | 11:30 AM |
| | Adult Christian Formation | 11:30 AM |
| | • Andrew Jасulca: Experiences in Palestine | |
| | Mentor/Mentee Potluck | 12:15 PM |

Serving Today:

- A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor
- Greeter: Karin Edwards • Coffee Host: Dinorah Scott
- Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Valerie Kropf

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| Tue | Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom | 7:00 PM |
| Wed | Women of the Word Bible Study | 9:30 AM |
| Thu | Menno Men | 9:30 AM |
| Sat | Memorial Service for Karen Miller | 11:00 AM |
| | Discernment Planning Team | 3:00 PM |

Announcements

- All are welcome in the **sanctuary Sunday school class** today to hear guest speaker Andrew Jасulca’s fascinating and interesting stories about his experiences in Palestine.
- **Next Sunday (Mar 3)**, we’ll continue our discernment process related to LGBTQ+ inclusion. Our consultant, Janet Elaine Guthrie, will be on hand and will preach in our morning worship service. Following Sunday school classes and a chili potluck, Janet will lead a World Café style discussion in the afternoon. We’ll provide childcare so that all have the opportunity to participate.
- Chili’s on! Plan to join us for a hearty **potluck meal next Sunday**. Families A-K bring either a mild pot of meat chili or vegetarian chili. Families L-Z bring your favorite cookies for dessert. Community Life will provide toppings: pasta (wheat and gluten-free), shredded cheese and dairy-free cheese, onions, sour cream, and diced jalapeños and chili powder for those who like it spicy.
- Our **adult library** is full of interesting books on peacemaking, Anabaptist history, and more! Stop by the office wing to check it out. We’ll be switching to an electronic system in the future, but in the meantime there is a book checkout sheet on the table next to the shelves.
- **Next Sunday**, Sharon E. and Pastor Barb will lead the adult Christian Formation class in a review of consensus principles and procedures.