

**Summit Mennonite Church**

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Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday school: 10:45 am

*Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.*

**We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need**

Sixth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2018

Between Me & You and all we lay down,  
God's promise and God's love grow in surprising ways.

**Gathering Music**

Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Welcome /Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**All: Open the gates of righteousness  
So that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

**All: Praise be to God!**

**Children's Time**

Hank Rossiter

Song: HWB #238 "Hosanna, loud hosanna"

**Confession**

Jesus, Messiah. The crowds around you can be thrilling, or frightening.  
One moment they are clay in your hands, ready to be shaped.  
The next they are squeezing you, like putty in a clenched fist,  
Demanding that you conform. Is that what we do?

When we count the cost of your words for us, it hurts.  
We get it, why the masses turned and your disciples faded away.  
Do you?

The time is ripe for change, then and now.  
Why can't you lead that change in a way we understand?  
How is it that you define success so differently?  
It scares us to question you. It's worse if we don't.

Forgive us for holding in questions so long that we can't bear the answers.  
Forgive us for fearing the crowds, and the consequences.  
Open our eyes and hearts to receive your teaching.  
Show us again this new way of living. Help us to love like you.

**Words of Assurance**

Scripture Reading John 12:12-18; 27-36

**Sermon Appropriate Suffering**

Song of Response: HWB #546 Guide My Feet

**Offering**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Song: HWB #355 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

**Congregational Prayer**

**Hope for Honduras- moment in Mission**

Tim Larson

Song of Blessing: HWB #250 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"

**Announcements**

**Benediction**



**TODAY:**

- Worship Leader: Avery Zook
- Song Leader: Julia Beyeler
- Piano: Susan Moyer
- Nursery: Judy & Stan King
- Greeters: LaVerne Yousey
- Worship Planners: Cynthia Mason & Marilyn Rossiter

**LAST WEEK**

Attendance: 40      General Offering: \$1,811  
\$1,814 needed weekly to meet spending plan

**THIS WEEK**

Thursday, March 29, 7pm: Facing the Shadows Maundy Thursday  
Tenebrae service  
Sunday, April 1 Easter brunch, 9:30, Service, 10:30 (no Sunday school)

**COMING EVENTS**

Saturday, April 14, 10am – 4pm "Who is My Neighbor?" Anti-Racism One-day seminar at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg  
Saturday, May 12, 9am: Outside Cleanup Day

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn's office hours next week will be Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm and Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm. Please call her cellphone to set up times and locations for meetings.

Hannah and William will be moving to their new home tomorrow evening and Tuesday. Call William if you would be able to help.

For security purposes the church key that was stored outside has been moved to a lockbox. If you get to the church and realize you forgot your key and need access to the stored key, please call Jack, Lee or Stan for the combination.

Hannah Troyer is the co-organizer of a grassroots movement and free conference on April 14th, called "The Neighborhood: Who is my neighbor?" The Neighborhood exists to bring together people with diverse experiences, to listen to and learn from each other, with the purpose of building meaningful community. You'll have the opportunity to hear stories told by people of color, about their experiences living in a majority white Christian culture. The event will be held at The Gardens at Homestead in Fredericksburg from 10am-4pm. Please see Hannah for further details on attending, volunteering, or donating."

**Some donations still tax deductible.** Most of us give, not because of the tax benefits, but because we want to share with others. Nevertheless, some donations remain tax deductible under the new federal tax law, including charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), gifts of commodities and large gifts to donor advised funds.

**MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event:** Join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building, 3987 Kidron Road, in Kidron. Special guest speakers will be Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

**BACM:** Bring **Macaroni & Cheese and Shampoo/Conditioner** for the month of **April** and drop into the box by our white giving tree. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.