

## Summit Mennonite Church

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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**

March 17, 2019

**Focus Statement:** When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face.

### Centering Bell/Gathering Music Welcome & Call to Worship

L: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**P: Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation—  
we shall not be afraid.

**P: We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,  
for we will see God's goodness.**

*All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.*

*In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.*

### Opening Prayer

**Song** HWB 13 Blessed Jesus, at your Word  
HWB 515 Jesus, Rock of Ages

### Children's Time

Hank Rossiter

**Scripture** Luke 13: 31-35

**Meditation** Feathers over Fangs

Marilyn Rossiter

**Song** STS 99 The Lord's my Shepherd

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: *Psalms 27:7-9*

"Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!"

Who will seek the Lord today?

**Tim Larson: I will seek the Lord today.**

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

*All: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our light and salvation.*

*When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.*

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us (*pause*), we seek your face.

When our souls hunger for your shelter (*pause*), we seek your face.

*All: In the morning and in the evening, we will seek the face of our God.*

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

### Offering

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns Congregational Prayer

### Introduction of guests; Announcements

**Song** HWB 598 A Wonderful Savior is Jesus

### Benediction

### TODAY

Worship Leader: Rachael Oyer

Song Leader & Piano: Susan Moyer

Nursery: Cindy & Tim Larson

Greeter: Ethan Horst

Worship Planners: Susan Moyer & Marilyn Rossiter

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 28

General Offering: \$2,305

\$1,905 needed weekly to meet spending plan

### THIS WEEK

- **Wed, March 13, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Sun, March 17, 6:30pm:** Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting/Dinner
- **Sun, March 17:** Fellowship Potluck

### COMING EVENTS

- **Wed, March 20, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Wed, March 27, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Wed, April 3, 7pm:** Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class at First Menn
- **Sun, April 21, 9:30:** Easter Brunch followed by worship service (no Sunday school)
- **Sun, April 21:** Secret Sister Reveal

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Marilyn will be available** all next week by phone, text or email, and will be in the office Thursday, March 14th, 10a.m.-1p.m. and Friday, March 15th, 1-4p.m.

**Lenten Home Devotions:** The theme and Scriptures in the Lent At Home materials are based on the congregational worship materials published in Leader magazine by MennoMedia. For each week, the At Home resource offers meditations, pondering thoughts, scriptures, songs, prayers and creative activities for children, families or personal/group devotions. This resource comes from our Mennonite friends in Canada and is called **Lenten Guided Prayer 2019: Grit and Grace**. If you'd like a copy, see Marilyn.

**Are you on the right financial path?** When it comes to your finances, do you have a financial plan that takes your faith values into consideration? If not, Christian-based Everence can help. Get started on your journey today! Learn more at [everence.com/financial-planning](http://everence.com/financial-planning).

Confession and Ritual will be important responses in our Lenten services this month. As worship leaders read the Scripture, they will end with, "Who will call upon the Lord today?" In response to this question, one or more of you will be asked to respond by coming forward with an empty bowl or plate brought from your home. After placing it on the altar table as an expression of the spiritual hunger of our congregation, you are invited to offer a confessional response based on the focus statement/questions of the day (a heads up- you'll be asked ahead). This could be in the form of an art piece, a poem, words to a hymn, a musical selection or a story. After our corporate confession, the empty bowl will be filled. So, find a quiet space and think and pray about these themes: Lent 1- God's hand delivers, 2- God shelters, 3- God pours out life-giving drink, 4-God hugs us, 5- God makes a way through mighty waters, and 6- God's love endures as we follow Jesus.

Berlin Mennonite Church will host a Healthy Congregations Workshop April 4-5. Bill Blank, associate director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, will lead the workshop. This workshop is designed for pastors, church staff, lay leaders and congregation members. Participants will learn how they can influence the health of their congregations, and how to detect and avoid unhealthy patterns of living together in community. The registration fee includes a course manual and lunch. The fee is \$40 per person or \$60 per couple (with a shared manual) for all those registering by March 17. After that date, the registration fee increases to \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. Register online at <http://bit.ly/April5HealthyCongregations> or send your completed registration form and fee to Berlin Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 217, Berlin OH 44610.

**BACM: Bring Spaghetti Sauce & Deodorant** for the month of **March**. Always accepted are Styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, clean plastic grocery bags and travel sized toiletries.

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Alisha, Joshua and Asher Garber of Mennonite Mission Network are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona's residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place where they can flourish in the coming year.