

## Summit Mennonite Church

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Patrick & Christine Nafziger, Pastors  
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Worship: 10:00 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 27, 2022

**Focus: As we seek God's way, we move from a sense that "we" and "ours" have special standing to the knowledge that all are equally part of God's kingdom.**

**Prelude:** Dora Short

**Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle:** LaVerne Yousey

**Call to Worship:** LaVerne

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: rejoicing that we are new creations in Christ.**

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what is ours,

**People: but through Jesus we learn that all share in God's inheritance.**

Leader: Let us join God's feast,

**People: where all celebrate together.**

**All: Let us live out God's way of inclusion.**

**Prayer:** LaVerne

**Opening Songs:** VT# 156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
VT# 163 Amazing Grace

**Prayer of Confession** (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for thinking we deserve special treatment. Lead us to radical inclusion.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey  
let us see your way more clearly

**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** LaVerne

(Psalm 32 adapted)

Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are we whose sins our God does not count against us.

God's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Children's time:** Penny the Puppy and Lucia the Llama (puppet video)

**Scripture:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 LaVerne

**Sermon: Guest Minister,** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach **"Choose Your Own Title and Ending"**

**Song of Response:** VT # 161 I Sought the Lord

**Sharing Joys and Concerns:** LaVerne

**Congregational Prayer:** LaVerne

**Offering:** LaVerne

**Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees:** LaVerne

**Closing Song:** VT # 170 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

**Sending Blessing:** LaVerne

**TODAY**

Worship Leader: LaVerne Yousey

Pianist: Dora Short

Worship Planner: Joanne Lehman

**LAST WEEK:**

Attendance: 29

General Offering: \$910

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lectio for Lent cancelled this Wednesday: Since Christine and Patrick will be traveling home from Iowa on Wednesday, there will not be a Lectio for Lent meeting on Wednesday evening. We will meet again for the final one next Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

We welcome Keith Lyndaker Schlabach this morning and are glad to have him with us to bring the morning message! Keith and Rachelle are co-pastors of Millersburg Mennonite Church.

Patrick, Christine and the kids are in Iowa spending time with family for the anniversary of Patrick's mother's passing. They will return home on Wednesday. If you have pastoral concerns during this time, please contact a member of the Care Team--Mona Rohrer or William Troyer.

**Community sponsorship connections with MCC:** Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community, or is your congregation already welcoming newcomers? Through welcoming, congregations can gain a greater sense of community, extend and receive hospitality, and develop a deeper understanding of God's love for all people. MCC will provide resources, education and support as congregations welcome a family together. To learn more visit [mcc.org/community-sponsorship](http://mcc.org/community-sponsorship) or contact [welcome@mcc.org](mailto:welcome@mcc.org).

**Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community on Tuesday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. EDT:** Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. During the webinar, Charity Stowell, MCC U.S. Newcomer Connections Coordinator, and Ted Blessing, CWS Community Engagement Organizer, will address questions such as: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about the challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. More information and registration at [mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar](http://mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar).

**Everence® to hold Medicare and retirement income workshops** This April and May Everence will hold Medicare and Social Security work-shops in Kidron and Hartville. The Medicare workshops will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The retirement income workshops will include Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. For dates, visit [www.everence.com/northeastohio](http://www.everence.com/northeastohio). To reserve your spot, contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or email us at [northeastohio@everence.com](mailto:northeastohio@everence.com).

**MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of *Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano*, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** Call to Intercession

The Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
***but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.***

Sheltering God, we pour out our hearts before you,  
because you are a refuge for us.

In your mercy,  
***Lord, hear our prayer.***

You are the stronghold of our life.  
We pray for ourselves and those dear to us. (*open prayers*)  
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You relieve the troubles of the heart.  
We pray for our community and for our neighbors. (*open prayers*)  
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You look with favor on the faithful. We pray for the church in all places,  
that we may bear witness to your reign of justice, peace, and joy.  
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You have chosen the poor to be rich in faith. We pray for the world, for all  
who are ensnared in greed, violence, and oppression. (*open prayers*)  
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We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts. (*open prayers*)  
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Hungry Christ, your body is broken in the rocky soil of human vengeance.  
Lovingly tend and till us, that we may, at this day's dying, entrust ourselves  
into the hands of the Merciful One, praying as you taught us:

Our Father... (using sins/those who sin against us)

(from *Take Our Moments and Our Days*, An Anabaptist Prayer Book, Volume 2, c 2010 by Herald Press, Scottsdale, PA)

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