

Summit Mennonite Church

Worship Bulletin, March 6, 2022

Interim Co-Pastors: Patrick and Christine Nafziger

From Security to Generosity

Focus: As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbors.

Prelude: Becky Oyer

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Christine Nafziger

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

***People: through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.***

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

***People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.***

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

***People: the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.***

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Opening Songs: VT # 22 What Is This Place

VT # 764 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

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 seeking security. Lead us into your way of generosity.**

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

(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 6:39-49

Sermon: Bread, Power, and Security Patrick Nafziger

Song of Response: VT # 588 We Walk by Faith

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees

Closing Song: VT # 832 The Lord Lift You Up

Sending Blessing

Worship Leader: Christine Nafziger

Worship Planner: Joanne Lehman

Pianist: Becky Oyer

Bulletin: Deb Barry

Zoom: Ralph Lehman

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Call to Intercession

Wait for the Lord;

be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud,

be gracious to us and answer us!

Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you
because we trust you to protect and provide.
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You model kindness and mercy.
We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.
(*open prayers*)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You do not refuse any good to those
who walk without blame. We pray for
our community and for our neighbors.
(*open prayers*)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You call us to love, blessing, and generosity.
We pray for the church in all places,
that we may daily follow in the footsteps of Christ.
(*open prayers*)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

You execute judgment, humbling one and
exalting another. We pray for the world,
for those in positions of power and authority.
(*open prayers*).
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.
(*open prayers*)
In your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer.

God our only hope,
you seat us at the table with our enemies,
breathing in our fears.
Feed us from your mouth,
that our bread may be to do your will,
in the strength of your Anointed,
who taught us to pray:

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, Scottdale, PA)

LAST WEEK FEB. 27

Attendance: 24. General Offering: \$1,825.00

(\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan)

THIS WEEK

Lectio for Lent (Evening Prayer)

Lectio Divina, "divine reading" is a Latin term for an ancient way of meditating on the scriptures. It's a way of prayerfully approaching a passage of scripture that allows it to form and transform your life. During Lent, Christine will lead this guided prayer time over Zoom, starting this Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30-7:00ish, and continuing through Wednesday, April 6. Watch for the link in your inbox!

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Congregational Meeting

***Next Sunday, March 13* will be our first congregational meeting with our consultant, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi. We will have a brief worship time and then move into a time of worshipful work together. Following the meeting, we will have fellowship around a meal, but ask that you please bring your own food. We hope that everyone can be present and participate in this time of discussion and discernment. Let's be in prayer for this process, seeking to be open to how God will guide Summit into the future.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited! Open Arms Hispanic Ministries is hosting TACO TUESDAY, a fundraising banquet on March 15th, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal will begin at 6 PM and will feature a catered taco bar including desserts and drinks along with a program of Open Arms information and highlights to follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by March 11th, to kelsey@openarmshispanicministries.org to reserve your place for TACO TUESDAY! If you have questions please email kelsey@openarmshispanicministries.org or call/text 330.466.7845.

The Central Christian School [Annual Auction](#) is on March 12. They are offering an in-person and online auction. The auction day will begin with a breakfast in the cafeteria from 7 am - 9 am followed by the auction at 9am.