

Summit Mennonite Church

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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 13, 2022

Worshiping and Discerning Together

From Fear to Compassion

Focus

As we seek God's way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.

Prelude: Dora Short

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Mary Schwartz

Call to Worship and Prayer: Mary Schwartz

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

People: We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led more deeply into God's love.

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

Prayer

Opening Song: *The Lord is My Light*, VT 437

Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 55 adapted) Mary Schwartz

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

People: We call upon you while you are near.

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

People: Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out compassion.

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: Mary Schwartz

(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: Psalm 27 Christine Nafziger

Offering

Announcements

Discernment: Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

TODAY

Worship Leader: Mary Schwartz

Pianist: Dora Short

Worship Planner: Joanne Lehman

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 33

General Offering: \$3,245

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 – 7: Lectio Divina guided prayer service on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 each Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:00ish, through Wednesday, April 6. Watch for the link in your inbox!

Next Sunday, March 20 we will be celebrating communion together. In keeping with our theme, you are encouraged to reflect on how your thoughts and ways have been different from God's, and to prepare yourself to receive God's love through Jesus as we remember the sacrifice he made on our behalf.

Central Christian High School proudly presents Disney *Aladdin Jr.* Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, at 7 pm. Reserved tickets are \$12 each. General admission tickets are \$10 each. Please visit ccscomets.org or call 330-857-7311 to purchase tickets.

Volunteer Open House at MCC Connections, Kidron, Ohio, Wednesday, March 16, 1:00-3:00pm. Please join us to learn more about volunteering at MCC Connections. Drop by anytime. Tour the facility. Ask questions. Learn about MCC. Refreshments served.

Virtual Visit - War and Peace: MCC's peacebuilding work and response to conflict: In this special live session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They'll explore questions like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do we embody a peace perspective? Join the live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. EST / 7 p.m. CST. For more information and registration, visit mcc.org/webinars.

Position Opening Announcement: Outlet Manager

Connections Thrift Outlet, the outlet of MCC Connections Thrift Shop, is seeking a part-time Outlet Manager for their Massillon location. This is a part-time (3 days/week) paid position. The applicant should have good attention to detail, flexibility, strong interpersonal skills, and support the mission of MCC. Inquiries can be made to Michael Amstutz by phone at 330-857-7802 or by email to michael@mccconnections.com. Applications will be accepted through March 19.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.