

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

May 1, 2022

God is Making All Things New

Prelude: Dora Short

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Joanne Lehman

Call to Worship (STS # 189)

Leader: Come Holy Spirit,
Lamplighter, midwife of change,
Comforter, disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

**People: Come, fill the church
with the gifts earth can neither produce nor afford.**

Leader: Come, fill our lives with that rich mixture of peace and
restlessness, calm and enthusiasm,
which are hallmarks of holiness.

**All: Come, promised Spirit of God,
find your way and make your home among us. AMEN**

Opening Prayer: Fear Mixed with Hope (Words for Worship 2)

All: *Holy God, we stand in your presence today.*

- 1: This is a day of new beginnings,
- 2: a day for trusting your Holy Spirit,
- 1: a day for considering the wisdom of the ages
- 2: and the dreams and visions for your new world.
- 1: We confess that fear is mixed with our hope.
- 2: Even as we seek together your new work,
- 1: we find ourselves clinging to the old and familiar.

All: *Embrace us in our hopes and fears,
and set our feet on the path of your new creation. Amen.*

Opening Song: Beautiful Savior VT #130

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-3a

Song: This is a day of new beginnings HWB #640

Poem: *Do Not Fear* (Walter Brueggemann)

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Song: New Earth, Heavens New VT# 377

Song: Don't Be Afraid STJ # 105

Poem: Just Go (Jean Janzen, *Tasting the Dust*)

Song: Don't Be Afraid STJ # 105

Poem: I Went for a Walk this Morning (Patrick Nafziger)

Song: Christ is Alive, and Goes Before Us VT # 565

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Congregational Prayer:

Offering:

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees

Closing Song: There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT # 828

Sending Blessing

TODAY

Worship Leader: Joanne Lehman

Pianist: Dora Short

Worship Planner: Joanne Lehman/Dora Short

Zoom: Ralph Lehman

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 15

General Offering: \$988

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Luz is looking for volunteers for their spring workday Saturday, May 7th, 2022, from 8AM till noon. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. You can RSVP either by calling the office at 330-683-1246 or by email at info@campluz.com.

Our New Regional Pastor

Sherah-Leigh Gerber is serving as Ohio Conference Regional Pastor for Eastern Ohio, following Ralph Reinford's retirement. She previously served as Coordinator of Volunteers for Ohio Conference, and most recently as an associate pastor at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church in VA. She lives in Kidron with her husband and two children. She is also a friend of ours who we initially got to know during our time at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Sherah-Leigh will be visiting our congregation on Sunday, May 15 as a way of connecting with us.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network joins Marlene Wall, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God's people around the world will contribute to this ministry.