

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

August 21, 2022

Focus: Finding healing in the face of hopelessness.

Gathering

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Joanne

Call to Worship: VT # 857

Psalm 103: 1-8

Opening Song: In Christ There Is No East or West VT # 390

Liturgy Reading Part 1

Leader 1: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted,
among the privileged.

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Leader 2: In the private house, in the public house, in the wedding feast, in
the judgement hall.

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Leader 3: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience,
with burning love.

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Leader 1: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen.

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Leader 2: Within us, without us, behind us, before us. In this place, in every
place, for this time, for all time.

ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

PART 2 (Prayer of Confession and Assurance)

Leader 1: Let us pray. Because you made the world, and intended it to be a
good place, and called its people your children; because, when
things seemed at their worst, You came in Christ to bring out
the best in us; so gracious God, we gladly say.

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL, LOVE IS STRONGER THAN
HATE, LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS, TRUTH IS
STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader 2: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because
anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; Because
our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;
Because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL, LOVE IS STRONGER THAN
HATE, LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS, TRUTH IS
STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader 3: Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change
us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to
confront, control, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.
Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim
with our lips.

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL, LOVE IS STRONGER THAN
HATE, LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS, TRUTH IS
STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader 1: Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate
the grace of The God who makes all things new.

ALL: AMEN.

Part 3 *Hearing the Word*

Leader 1: In the beginning was the Word

ALL: AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

Reader: A reading from Luke 13: 10-17

Leader 1: For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us;

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Conversation About Scripture

What words in this reading do I particularly remember and why?

Do I have a story of healing to share? How has Christ, the healer, been
present to me in recent days?

PART 4 Prayers of the People

Leader 1: Let us pray.

Holy God, though this world depends on your grace, it is
governed and tended by mortals. So, we pray for those who walk
the corridors of power in the parliaments of this and other lands,
whose judgments we value or fear.

May they always consider those they represent, make decisions
with courage and integrity, and resist any temptation to abuse
the trust placed in them. Lord hear us.

ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

Leader 2: We pray for those who hold key positions in the worlds of finance, business, and industry. Whose decisions may profit some or impoverish many. May they always value people higher than profit; May they never impose burdens on the poor which they would not carry themselves; And may they never divorce money from morality or ownership from stewardship.
Lord hear us.

ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

Leader 3: We pray for those in the caring professions, who look after and listen to kind, cruel, and cantankerous folk, and for those who make decisions regarding the nation's health and welfare. May they always sense the sanctity of life and every person's uniqueness; May they help and heal by their interest as well as their skill; And may they be saved from tiredness and an excess of demands. Lord hear us.

ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

Leader 1: And let us remember those for whom we are responsible and to whom we are accountable in what we do today. May we show to them the thoughtfulness, tolerance, and kindness of Jesus.
Lord hear us.

ALL: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

Leader 2: Lord, hear our prayers, and if today we might be the means by which you answer the prayers of others, then may you find us neither deaf nor defiant, but keen to fulfill your purpose, For Jesus' sake.

ALL: AMEN.

Song O Healing River VT # 706

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTnqDpmgKYE>

PART 5 Responding

Offering

Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Sending

Leader 1: From where we are to where you need us,

ALL: JESUS, NOW LEAD ON.

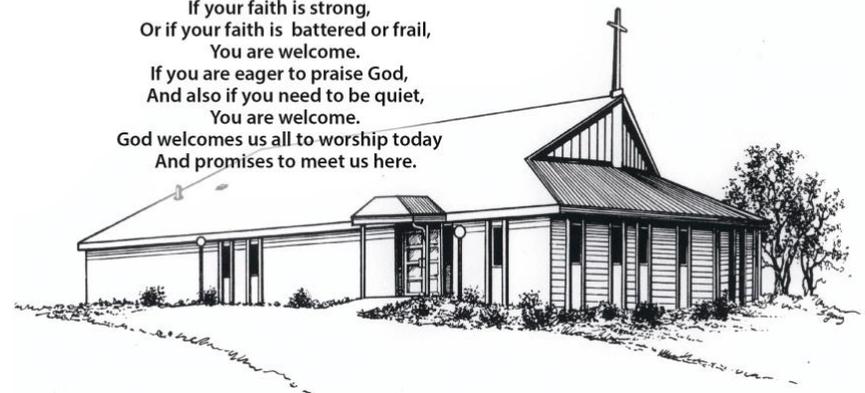
Leader 2: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

ALL: JESUS, NOW LEAD ON.

Leader 3: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

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If you are delighted to be here,
And, or, if you are tired or troubled,
You are welcome.
If your faith is strong,
Or if your faith is battered or frail,
You are welcome.
If you are eager to praise God,
And also if you need to be quiet,
You are welcome.
God welcomes us all to worship today
And promises to meet us here.



ALL: JESUS, NOW LEAD ON.

Leader 1: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

ALL: JESUS, NOW LEAD ON

Closing Song Be Thou My Vision VT # 549

Sending Blessing Hebrews 12: 28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Go in peace. AMEN

(This Liturgy was borrowed from The Table, Harrisonburg, VA and adapted from A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Worship Group.)

TODAY

Worship Leader & Planner: Joanne & Ralph Lehman

Pianist:

Zoom: Lee Ressler

LAST WEEK:

Attendance:23

General Offering: \$1,510

\$670 needed weekly to meet spending plan

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 28: Congregational Meeting to discuss offer received from BACM regarding the sale of the building. The offer is to pay \$100,000 at closing, and paying the balance within two years, including 6% interest, making the total paid \$350,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing Sunday: On September 4, Dora will lead us in singing some of our favorite hymns. She's asked that each of us respond by filling out a card or sending her an email with your top 3-4 favorite hymns. We will select from this list to plan our Sept. 4 service.

Help Wanted! We still need someone to plan services for the days listed below: Contact Deb, Ethan, Joanne, or William. Or, put your name on the schedule located on the website. (Note, scroll to the appropriate date.)

- August 28 (shortened service due to business discussion).
- September 11
- September 25
- October 30
- November 13

Volunteer Help Needed! The Community Gardens are looking great, but the weeds are growing rapidly in the paths between the gardens. If you have a little time (or a lot) and would like to help in removing the weeds from the paths, you are welcome to stop by anytime to work on this project. Bring a container to put weeds in. Weeds can be dumped on the compost piles beside the gardens. Contact Viv if you have questions.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Mennonite Mission Network began a new *Enviados* (Sent) cohort on Friday. Pray for participants in this Spanish-language, 12-module course for church planters. Pray, also, for the facilitator, Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network's training and resourcing specialist for church planting.