

First Mennonite Church

January 17, 2010

Welcome!

The purpose of **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch is to:

FOLLOW JESUS

MATURE IN FAITH

CARRY THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday School, Worship, and all our church activities equip and strengthen us to fulfill that purpose.

We invite members, friends, and visitors to join us on the journey!

9:15-9:40 – Snacks & conversation in Fellowship Hall

9:40-10:20 – *Sunday School*

PreK-5th Grade Room 30
Youth Youth Room
 Adult Classes

Prelude – Jan Reimer

10:30 – *Worship*

Litany of Praise

L: Praise be to you, O Lord, who spins shining stars across the wondrous heavens, and stretches out the seas;

P: who lifts the dawn into place and sets boundaries for night;

L: who awes the earth with storms and gentles it with rainbows;

P: who gives everything a season and breathes life and love into the dust of us.

ALL: Praise be to you, O Lord

L: Praise be to you, O Lord, in all times and for all things;

P: the soft slant of sunlight, the evening breeze, the sweat of labor, a sweet song to lighten the heart;

L: the deep breath, the tended wound, mercy, quietness, a friend;

P: for the miracles of the daily, and the mysteries of the eternal,

ALL: Praise be to you, O Lord.

L: Praise be to you, Lord, from all creatures:

the laughers and list-makers,
wonderers and worriers,
poets and plodders and prophets,

P: the wrinkled, the newborn, the whale, the worm— from all, and from us,

ALL: Praise, praise be to you for the amazing grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #50 “Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”

Prayer of Confession [by William Barclay, 1907-1978]

Words of Assurance from 1 John 2:1-2 [unison]

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven,

and not our sins only, but the sins of the whole world.

Worship Music

Sylvia Cross & Emm Hiebert

“God of our Life”, “Lead me Life”, “Be thou my vision”

Scripture – 1 Samuel 8:1-22

*Hymn #357 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

Sermon: *Short Coattails*

*Hymn of Response – #481 “O God, your constant care”

Offering: Church General Fund

Prayer of dedication [unison]

Alive to the hope that is within us and inspired by the vision of the reigning Christ, we bring these gifts and offer our lives. Use them, O God, as you continue use us in the generous sharing of your mercy and love.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

*Hymn #447 “O Jesus, I have promised”

*Benediction

(*Please stand if comfortable.)

On the cover: Israel demands a king, J. Winters, 1728

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