

Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.

9:30 a.m.

Lent 5

Restore us, O God! We breathe.

Preparing

Gathering Music Eleanor Friesen

Be Thou My Vision (Ashdown)

You Are All We Have Ro Linscheid

Call to Worship

Leader: Come. bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Leader: Bring all you that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Hymn of Praise and Worship

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God WH 46

Gathering Words and Prayer Lance Zimmerman

Hymn of Praise and Worship

Holy Spirit, Come with Power WH 26

Scripture and Confession

New Testament Reading

John 11:17, 20-27

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds -- "Will these bones ever live?"

People: But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead.

Women: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

Men: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,

People: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death but rise again as your beloved people.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, holy Breath,

All: restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more. our whole selves waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

Choral Anthem Church Choir

Jesus Abne (Martin)

Sharing

Children's Time

Barbara Ewy

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Prayer Response

O God, Who Gives Us Life

WH 483

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Calvary (Billingham)

Pondering

Old Testament Lenten reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Meditation

Stephen Penner

Bones Still on the Ground

Choral Anthem

Church Choir

All Ye Who Pass By (Morales)

Lenten Ritual

Breathing

As we breathe remembering God is the giver of life

Sending words

Postlude

O Day Full of Grace (Wold)

Welcome to Our Service of Worship We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

Nursery A staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

Chorale Performance This afternoon at 2:30 at College Community Church Mennonite Brethren the Fresno Community Chorus will be performing Mass No. 2 in G Major by Franz Schubert. The chorale is directed by Dr. Anna Hamre.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is next weekend! April 7 & 8 is the 50th anniversary of the sale. There will be a special opening ceremony on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Special Events Center you won't want to miss! Fifty men of the Mennonite Men's Chorus will be singing and there will be special guests that evening. The auction will continue on Saturday morning with the 34th Annual Run for Relief 5K non-competitive walk/run at 7:00 a.m. and a pancake and sausage breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. There will be special a noon time auction featuring a 50th Anniversary quilt made by over 50 different women! Come on out and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship!

Dine Out at Church This Wednesday night is Dine Out at Church night! Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. PIM folks are in charge of the menu.

Maundy Thursday service on April 13 Our Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday evening, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This quiet and contemplative service will include holy communion.

Rails to Trail Our church is responsible to help with the maintenance of a section of our town's Rails to Trail, the portion between 8th Street and Reed Avenue. We need groups of people to take time to head to our section, rakes and hoes in hand, to do a little work. If you are part of a group that would like to help, please contact Steve Penner.

Prayer Vine Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

FMC/PIM Trustees Have a Fundraising Project! The sprinklers servicing the lawn between the church building and the Fellowship Hall need an upgrade. A \$38 donation will cover the labor and parts for one sprinkler – this also includes some work to the valve box. Whether using a check written out to FMC or cash in an envelope, designate your donation for "sprinklers." Help make the lawn green again!

Supplies for Children's Ministries There are several ways you can connate to FMC/PIM Children's Ministry. They are in need of supplies. Please see the sheet of needed items on the back table.

Youth and Outreach Ministries Director Our church is now looking for a person to fill the role of "Youth and Outreach Ministries Director." This is .3 FTE position. Applications will be received until May 15 for the position which we hope will be filled by August 1. The director will work with the junior high and high school youth of our church, as well as relate to the various outreach activities of our congregation. Applications may be procured from the church office or by talking to either Jim Krause or Sebastian Andrade. Members of the search committee include Jim Krause, Sebastian Andrade, Ligia Duran, Edith Montano, Juan Montes, and Stephen Penner.

Serve as a Camp Counselor! It's time to think about being a counselor at Camp Keola this summer! Applications are now being accepted for counselors and counselors-in-training for our Mennonite youth camps at Camp Keola this summer. Camp dates are July 13-29 (including staff training July 13-15). More information and a link to the application form can be found at: <http://campkeola.org/employment.shtml>. Scroll down to the "Mennonite Program Positions" section. Apply today!