



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

**9:30 a.m.**

*The Mission of God in a World of Complexity*

**Living Ink: Turning Over a New Leaf -- Lent 3**

**Gathering**

Music for Gathering Eleanor and Andrea Friesen  
Sonata (Mozart)  
Call to Worship and Prayer Christine Moyer  
Leader: *Many are the torments of the wicked,*  
All: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.  
Leader: *Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,*  
All: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.  
Scripture Reading  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Hymn of Faith  
We are People of God's Peace WH 407

**Confessing**

CYM Teen Moms Gail Harder  
Our Joys and Concerns  
Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation  
While we keep silent, our bodies waste away through our groaning all day long.  
Day and night your hand is heavy upon us and our strength dries up as in the heat of summer. Then, when we acknowledge our sin to you, and do not hide our iniquity, you forgive the guilt of our sin. (Pause for silent confession.)  
Words of Assurance  
Psalm 32  
Hymn of Faith  
In the Stillness of the Evening WH 551

**Hearing**

Gospel Reading  
Luke 15:11b-32  
Children's Story Barbara Ewy  
Worship Music Ro Linscheid  
Alleluia (Mozart)  
Meditation Stephen Penner  
The View from the Pigsty

**Responding**

Time of Reflection and Communion  
Prayer  
Leader: *Midst the tumult of life we hear your Spirit's call.*  
People: In the still of the early dawn we sense your touch.  
Leader: *We turn our hearts and minds to you, our God. Hear our prayer.*  
People: Be near, O Lord, to those who are lonely, or feel pain, this day.  
(We name people we are praying for)  
Leader: *Be present to fellow travelers around the world who struggle this day.*  
(We name people and situations around the world for which we pray)

Leader: *We thank you for the sweet communion we know in this, our fellowship.*

People: We pray for the strength to be faithful in thoughts, words, and actions.

Leader: *Give us power and peace in serving you, our God.*

**All: Amen.**

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings  
In the Hour of Trial (Arr. Lani Smith)

**Blessing**

Sending Song  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling WH 592  
Benediction  
Postlude  
Toccata in E Minor (Pachelbel)

**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 Workers** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

**Isis, Peace, and Nonviolence** We welcome Jim Fitz to our worship service today. Jim is a Jesus follower, farmer, peacemaker, and former Christian Peacemaker Team worker in Colombia. Jim will be leading a discussion during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall for all who are interested on the topic "ISIS, Peace, and Nonviolence."

**The Bricks are Back!** Once again this morning we will hear about the Community Youth Ministries Teen Moms program. This program provides holistic support to teen moms in our community. At the back of the church, following the morning worship time, there will be opportunity to purchase CYM "bricks" (suggested donation is \$25) The money raised will support the CYM Team Moms retreat and Bible studies with the young ladies. The Teen Moms program also welcomes volunteers willing to help with child care, mentoring, transportation, and as prayer partners. If you'd like to help, call CYM at 638-6585.

**Pastoral Absence** Steve Penner will be leaving this Friday for Mennonite Mission Network board meetings in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Next Sunday he will be speaking at the Crossroads Mennonite Church in Timberville, Virginia. Steve returns home on Monday evening, March 7.

**Next Sunday Morning at FMC** Sunday, March 6, is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. During the morning worship service Valerie Rempel, dean of the Fresno Pacific University Biblical Seminary and professor of theology and history, will be sharing the morning message.

**Dine Out** is this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Friendship Group will be serving their traditional sloppy joes dinner. Come join us for some great food and fellowship.

**Musica Viva** Dieter Wulforth and Susan Doering, professors of music at Fresno Pacific University, will present a concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, of string music entitled "Dances From Around the World." The concert will be a musical trip across the globe - from Italy to Hungary and the Americas.

**Church Directory** A draft copy of the church directory is available on the back table for your review. Please make changes as needed. If you are a regular attendee, and are not in the book, please add your information.

**New E-mail Address** We have found it necessary to change the church's e-mail address. Please note that our new address is [fmcreedley1@gmail.com](mailto:fmcreedley1@gmail.com).

**Prayer Vine** Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.

**Peace Center** Tom Neilson, Folk Singer and Political Satirist Benefit Concert a Reedley Peace Center Special Event: Friday, March 4, 2016, 7:00 PM. Admission by donation. Fundraiser for Reedley High School - Students for Peace Club - College Scholarship Fund. Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L. Street, Reedley. Silent Auction & refreshments.

