

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: An Unexpected Twist -- Lent 5

Gathering

Music for Gathering David Boldt

"Fugue in E Flat (St. Anne)" (Bach)

Gathering Hymn

O God, our Help in Ages Past

WH 328

Call to Worship and Prayer

Ruth Buxman

Leader: *The Lord is doing as new thing:*

All: The Lord makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!

Leader: *The Lord forms us as a people*

All: and we declare God's praise!

Leader: *The Lord has done great things for us!*

All: And we rejoice!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Hymn of Faith

Open are the Gifts of God

WH 255

Confessing

Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: *God of all who thirst, our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts far from your life-giving springs. Call us to your well.*

All: Fill our cups with your grace Let your love overflow in our hearts and make us fully alive. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Psalm 126

Hymn of Faith

Women in the Night

WH 223

Hearing

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Children's Story

Barbara Ewy

Worship Music

Jayla Sandoval

Organ Echoes and Small World

Meditation

Stephen Penner

The Great Surprise

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

Blessing

Sending Song

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WH 145

Benediction

Postlude

"Rhosymedre (My Song is Love Unknown)" (Vaughan Williams)

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.

Next Sunday's Early Service Next Sunday morning is Palm Sunday. Our special guest speaker is Dr. Valerie Rempel from the Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. Our church choir will be singing next Sunday morning.

MYF Retreat The annual Pismo Beach MYF retreat will be next weekend. Steve and Glenna Penner will be with our high school youth at the coast.

Maundy Thursday Service Our Maundy Thursday service commemorating Jesus' passion will be held on March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. During this contemplative service, we will hear scripture read, fellowship at table, share holy communion, and, for those who wish, there will be a time of foot washing.

Prayer Vine Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13th-century empire.

Peace Center March 18, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Hannah Brandt, editor of Community Alliance. Topic: *Save Community Alliance, Save Free Speech in the Central Valley.*

From Reedley Peace Center We greatly appreciated your support of the Peace Center's Fundraiser on Friday evening, March 4, for the scholarship fund for RHS Students for Peace Club. Thanks to all who attended, donated items to the silent auction, generously bid on the silent auction items, and generously ate cookies. Nearly \$1900 was raised. Thank you one and all.

West Coast Mennonite Sale & Auction is April 1-2. Now is the time to start saving your coins for *My Coins Count (MCC)* formerly known as Penny Power. You can use any type of container to put your coins in. Put them close to where you empty your pocket change and drop your change into the container. Bring your container to the sale April 1 or 2, or bring them to the church by March 27.

Camp Keola is currently accepting applications for various summer staff positions. Please visit the Camp Keola website for more information. www.campkeola.org/employment.shtml The application form for Mennonite camp counselors can be found toward the bottom of the page. The deadline for applying is April 1.

The Mennonite Quilt Center is Hiring a part-time co-manager. A key element of this position is the implementation of a business plan and development of a strategic plan for Mennonite Quilt Center operations. This position is responsible for promoting the mission of MCC, marketing and promotional activities, inventory management, and relating to customers, donors and volunteers. Visit their website at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings and apply today!

