

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

The Beatitudes -- 4

Gathering for Worship

Gathering Music Lance and Christy Zimmerman
Welcome and Invocation Christine Moyer
The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (New International Version)

Praising God in Song

As the Heart with Eager Yearning

WH 500

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-18

Music for Worship

Lance and Christy Zimmerman

Sharing with Each Other

I've Known Blessings

Judy Warkentin

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings

Sharing with Each Other

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Prayer Song

Who Has Known the Mind of Jesus

SJ 58

Listening

Meditation

Stephen Penner

Hungry and Thirsty

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Time with our Children

Partaking of the Bread, Sipping from the Cup

Sending

Sending Song

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my Spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Benediction

Postlude

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.

How We Got the Bible This evening a pre-recorded webinar by Dr. Loren Johns of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be shown in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The webinar is entitled "How We Got the Bible." In it professor Johns teaches and interacts with webinar participants as he tells the story of how the Bible came to be.

Opportunity to Discuss Pastor Steve Penner's Evaluation with the Deacons There will be a deacon in the Library following this morning's worship service to talk with anyone who would like to discuss any questions raised from the deacon letter that's available on the back table regarding Pastor Steve Penner's upcoming evaluation.

Dine Out is this Wednesday, October 6. The Fellowship Class will be our hosts and they will be serving Bierocks, both beef and vegetarian.

The Civil War, Pacifism and More This Thursday evening, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. Andy Ewy will be talking about his senior thesis at Bethel College. The title of his presentation is "Times of Trouble: Mennonite and Dunker Pacifists of the Shenandoah, 1861-1865."

Peace Center Friday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Don Villarejo, Agricultural Policies Researcher and founder of CIRS (California Institute for Rural Studies). *Can We Achieve an Ecologically Sound, Economically Viable and Socially Just Agriculture?* How research and organizing for change have altered the public conversation about agriculture: the evolution of local, organic and fair food.

Next Sunday's Early Service Next Sunday, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service, our friend Steve Ratzlaff will bring the morning message. Steve is no stranger to us. He's now retired but formerly he pastored Mennonite churches in Seattle, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Fresno.

Pastoral Absence Steve Penner will be leaving on Friday to attend Mennonite Mission Network board meetings in Dallas, Texas. He will return to Reedley on Monday evening, October 10.

Get Your Frito Boat! Once again this year the youth group of our church will be selling Frito Boats at the Reedley Fiesta next weekend. Our booth will be located in Pioneer Park. Special thanks to Edith Prieto Montano and Mary Beth Janzen for doing the major work in making the Frito Boat booth possible.

Faspa and Book Reading You are invited for faspa and a book reading with Loretta Willems, hosted by Ruth Buxman, on Sunday evening, October 23, at 5:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

Musica Viva Following the Faspa and Book Reading in the Fellowship Hall, Musica Viva will perform at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

2016 Election Forum College Community Church (MB) is sponsoring a panel discussion on Sunday evening, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. Kent Klassen, Jeff Wall, and Alan Peters will be discussing the various ballot propositions for the November 8th general election.

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery The "Doctrine of Discovery" is a philosophical and legal framework dating to the 15th century that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous Peoples. Mennonite Community Church and Mennonite Peacemakers are sponsoring a couple of Sunday evening events to explore this further. On Sunday evening, October 23, the film *The Doctrine of Discovery: in the name of Christ* will be shown and a discussion, led by Erica Littlewolf, will follow. On Sunday evening, October 30, a presentation out of the Africa context will be offered by Sublime and Rachel Mabilia. Both of these events will take place at Mennonite Community Church in Fresno at 7:00 p.m.

Church Freezer The church freezer will be defrosted this next weekend. If you have any food in it, please remove it before then or it will be thrown out.

Lost and Found There is a stack of Bibles accumulating in the church office. If you are missing one, please check in the office. After next week they will be given away.

Prayer Vine Join Mennonite Mission Network's Jackson, Mississippi, Service Adventure unit in thanking God for a good start to their year living and serving in community. Pray for unit leaders Caleb and Hannah Hochstetler, and participants Susannah Epp, Valerie Haupt, Niklas Kugler, and Jenessa Woodrich.

MCC Relief Kits MCC has a significant need for relief kits. These kits are shipped to places of need around the world. The kits can be delivered straight to West Coast MCC or brought to church. Here are the ingredients:

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin maxi**)