



January 28, 2018

## Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

One: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

**All: Let us come before God, giving thank;  
with songs let us hail the Lord.**

One: A mighty God is the Lord, a great King above all gods.

**All: in whose hands are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains as well.**

One: The sea belongs to God, who made it,  
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

**All: Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
Let us kneel before the God who made us**

One: for this is our God

**All: and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.**

Opening Prayer

Hymns Praise the one who breaks the darkness STS 1  
The Lord's my shepherd HWB 578

## Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

Hymn I'm pressing on the upward way STJ 96

Scripture Dt 18:15-20; Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon Freedom from deep shackles

Hymn Help us to help each other HWB 362

## Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn The Lord lift you up STJ 73

Benediction

## Today

**Sermon: Roy Hange**

## This Week

Wedn Board of Elders 7:15 pm

## Upcoming Events

Feb 4 Annual SuperBowl party

Feb 6 Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7:00 am

Feb 22 Ad Council 7:00 pm

May 18-20, 2018 Annual church retreat

## Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening 8:00 pm to Becky. Please include the word "bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

## Sunday School Information:

We have two adult Sunday School classes that meet at 9:30 in the sanctuary. One is a general discussion group that follows the lectionary and meets in an open space in the front of the sanctuary. The other is usually a book discussion group and meets inside the curtained space in the back of the sanctuary (guests are welcome to attend even if they have not been reading the book). Children's Sunday School classes (preschool through high school) meet at 9:30 in the upstairs classrooms.

**Gift and Thrift, Inc. is looking for volunteers** interested in supporting the mission of Mennonite Central Committee. The Silent Auction area of our retail store needs a person to help

manage the bidding process and restock the area after items are sold. Availability for several hours three times a week is preferred. To volunteer, or for more information contact Gift and Thrift at 540 433-8844 or email [volunteer.here.first@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.here.first@gmail.com).

Is it time to pick up our Women's Night Outs again? Wednesday nights once or twice a month starting in February? Is there interest in reading "Waking up white, and finding myself in the story of race" by Debbie Irving?

Is anyone else interested in a weekly Lectio Divina or Spiritual Companion group during Lent? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Easter falls on April 1 this year. Please talk to Maren.