



May 27, 2018

Creation: Cosmos

## Gathering

### **Welcome**

*(Visitors are invited to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket.)*

### **Sharing of Announcements in the Life of the Congregation**

**Gathering Songs**      I sing the mighty power of God      HWB 46  
Let justice flow like streams      STJ 65

### **Invitation to Worship**

## Celebrating

### **Call to worship**

Leader: Essence beyond essence, nature uncreated,

**People: Framer of the World,**

Leader: We set you, Lord, before our faces,

**People: and we lift up our souls to you.**

Leader: We worship you on our knees,

**People: and humble ourselves under your mighty hand.**

*-Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Song of Celebration**      Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing      HWB 110  
vv. 1, 3, 5

## Hearing & Seeing

**Scripture**      John 1:1-5

### **Offering of gifts**

**Scripture**      Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

### **Children's Time and Song**

Many and Great, O God      HWB 35

### **Sermon**

A Cosmic View

Pastor Renee Kanagy

## Responding

**Song of Response**      O God, great womb      HWB 155

### **Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Sermon Response, and Introduction of Guests**

### **Prayers of the Community**

# Sending

**Sending Song** All creatures of our God and King, vv. 1-3

HWB 48

## **Benediction**

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**Music Key:** HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue hard cover book)  
STJ = Sing The Journey (green soft cover book)  
STS= Sing The Story (purple soft cover book)

**We warmly welcome all who are visiting with us today!** We hope you will join us for fellowship time after the service and give us an opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. **Listening assistance devices are available** through the sound technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Children are welcome in worship and community life.** We also offer the following activities for children during worship: **A supervised nursery for newborns through age 3**, located next to the main entrance; **Children's Circle for children ages 3 through 7**, which meets in the basement during the second half of the worship service.

**Attendance Last Week:** 80 with 6 visitors

**CMF Welcome Statement**

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship is a Christ-centered, welcoming and inclusive church community committed to peace and justice. We acknowledge and affirm the image of God in persons of every race, ability, class, gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation. We celebrate an open communion in which all who seek a closer journey with God are welcome to participate. We invite all who covenant with us to join in the full life of the congregation.

**CMF Vision Statement**

As a Mennonite community,  
seeking to follow Jesus Christ  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we will be embracing, engaging, growing.

**Upcoming Events**

**.....TODAY**

Sunday, May 27

Christian Formation Classes begin their summer break  
Worship (10:30am)

**.....THIS WEEK**

**.....NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, June 3

Q&A with guest speaker Austin Kocher (9:30am, CMF  
Gathering Area)

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Congregational Meeting (12:00pm, CMF Upper Level)

Tuesday, June 5

Ten Thousand Villages Board Meeting (7:00pm, Peace  
House)

**.....COMING UP**

Tuesday, June 12

Community Meal (5-7pm, CMF Lower Level)

Sunday, June 17

Worship in Drake Park, (10:30am)

Thursday, June 21

CMF Council Meeting (6:30pm, Peace House)

Sunday, June 24

Mentor Gathering (5-7pm, Hitt residence)

June 24-27

CMF Youth Summer Service-Learning Project

Tuesday, June 26

Community Meal (5-7pm, CMF Lower Level)

*Check out the **EVENTS** page on our website for more calendar information.*

## Congregational Announcements

Please send your announcements to the office **before 11:00am-Friday** to be printed in the bulletin.



**June 3 Austin Kocher of Columbus Mennonite Church will join us in worship as a guest preacher.** He has been invited to speak out his journey from military service to pacifism. An informal Q & A will be held in the Gathering Area from 9:30-10:30. Follow the link below to an article he wrote for The Mennonite about his experience.

**Thank you** for another notable year of Christian formation classes! The more people who teach, attend, or help make it possible for others in their family to teach or attend, the more we all benefit. Our last classes of the 2017-18 year met last Sunday, May 20. Mark your calendars now for the first class of the 2018-19 year, 9:30 am on September 9. See you then!

### **Ten Thousand Villages:**

**Join Ten Thousand Villages at the Harpers point and O'Bryonville locations on June 1 and 2 for a guided fair trade coffee tasting!** Tickets for this this expert-led experience are \$15 each and must be reserved in advance. All participants receive a free artisan crafted mug, all-you-can-drink coffee, take-home samples, and giveaways. Call 513.802.5721 or 513.871.5840 to reserve your spot!



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**Ten Thousand Villages' Alzheimer's brain tips presentations will be coming up next week.** They are hosting them Tuesday 5/29 6PM at Harpers Point, Wednesday 5/30 6pm at O'Bryonville, and Saturday 6/2 12pm at Harpers Point. These presentations are free.

**Ten Thousand Villages has finalized the plans for their first "Artisan's Apprentice" craft evening** which will be held June 18th at Harpers and June 25th at O'Bryonville. Led by Harper's Point volunteer Jan Peak, customers will be invited to make their own version of our beaded sari scarves. Spots are \$25 and include all supplies + refreshments.

**Joe and Laurie Luken are converting a children's bedroom in their home to a guest room and are offering furniture in good condition free to anyone able to collect the items.** These items include a solid wood desk, a twin bed, and two bookshelves. Contact Joe and Laurie for more information. They will be out of town until June 3, but will be available by phone.

**Our theme song for the creation worship series is Many and Great, O God.** The text is attributed to an eighteenth-century French Dakota fur trader and was first translated into English by Sioux congregational minister Philip Frazier in 1930. The hymn carried special significance for members of the Dakota tribe and sustained them through times of persecution. The first and last sentence of each verse are set to the same melody, while the contrasting middle section leaps to the upper register, depicting the heavens, stars, and mountains before returning down to the plains.



#### FAITH TALK

#### James 2:1-13: “Respecting others”

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story. For preschool children, use the “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet. (1) Read James 2:1-7. Who are the people lacking respect in your community? What might your family do to encourage and care for them? (2) Name your favorite animal. How is having favorite things different from choosing just our favorite people? (3) Go out of your way to show kindness and respect to someone you don’t know.

**Did you know?** In Kenya, one way to show respect to an elder is to hold their right wrist with your left hand, then shake it.

**Prayer for the week:** *God, forgive us for the times we have mistreated people because they are different from us in some way. Help us to treat others fairly. Amen.*

## Announcements and Updates from the Wider Church

#### **Central District Conference:**

Registration for the 2018 Central District Conference Annual Meeting is now open! Early registration ends June 11. Visit [mcsacdc.org](http://mcsacdc.org) to register.

#### **Mennonite Church USA:**

At the end of a two-year term (Jan. 2016-18), the Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention created guidelines for response when non-credentialed individuals are accused of sexualized violence in the context of congregations, conferences and organizations. The booklet is now available online: <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/prevention-and-response-sexual-abuse-and-non-credentialed-individuals/>

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:**

**Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 27-29, 2018**, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Valerie Bridgeman, Karenna Gore and Randy Woodley. [ams.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://ams.edu/rootedandgrounded)

**Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites all Anabaptist healthcare professionals and their families along with other interested persons to its Annual Gathering 2018, June 22-24, 2018, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio.** Held in a family-friendly atmosphere, this year's theme is "Stories of Healing." Healthcare professionals from the full spectrum of training and academia, health care services, and ministry are welcome! This includes physicians, nurses, therapists, dietitians, mental health workers, chaplains, and more. Retirees welcomed to encourage the upcoming generations. Students in professional healthcare study programs are also welcomed at a reduced rate. A Children's Program is provided to encourage families to come for a retreat-like weekend away. Lively worship, stimulating plenary session and workshops, as well as great fellowship and networking are all part of the weekend. For more information and registration, visit the MHF website at [www.mennohealth.org/gathering](http://www.mennohealth.org/gathering). You can also call 1-888-406-3643 or write to [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org).

**Mennonite Central Committee:**

**Join MCC Great Lakes and Center for Community Justice for a week-long Pipeline to Prison learning tour.** Based in Goshen, Ind., the tour will focus on the challenges and complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system and include day trips to Elkhart, Peru and Kokomo. Participants will journey from the local community level through the criminal justice system, learning about law enforcement, sentencing, incarceration and re-entry. All who are interested in learning about disparities in the justice system, including those working in or seeking to develop a prison/re-entry ministry, are welcome. For more information and registration visit [mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison](http://mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison) or contact Cyneatha Millsaps at [CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org](mailto:CyneathaMillsaps@mcc.org) or 574-534-4133.



**Christian Peacemaker Teams**

Pray for the LGBTIQ+ community on Lesbos, Greece who are both living with and who have fled persecution, discrimination, and violence because of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

**Mennonite Mission Network**

Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on their way to *La Casa Grande* children's village in Benin. Pray for them as they transition from their life in Colombia and participate in orientation in the United States and Spain in the coming weeks.

**Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for seniors at Bethany Christian High School as they prepare for graduation today and decide the next step in their lives. May they choose in light of God's calling



**Book Club** will meet on Sunday, June 17 after church in Ault Park. The book to be discussed is “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman. Please bring a dish to share.



**Join the Lunch Bunch** to extend the conversation and fellowship after service each week. Sometimes we visit a local restaurant, sometimes we pack a lunch and dine here. Meet around the round table in the gathering area if interested



**Journey Groups**

Contact information available through the office for all facilitators.

**Women’s Spiritual Journey:** Contact Facilitator Eleanor Bowman with interest

**Women’s Group:** Group Facilitator Ann Schrock; please contact her to be added to email list or with questions. Our play group for babies & preschool-aged kids meets at Jane Patty’s house twice a month. Contact Becca Swartzendruber to be added to our Facebook group for more specific dates & times. 513.680.1708 or beccajayne1@gmail.com.

**Men’s Group:** Meets every third Saturday of each month--all men are welcome. Coordinator: Jim Miller. If interested and not on Jim’s email list, please ask to be added. Watch email for location. Jim would appreciate a headcount midweek prior to the Breakfast. Time is 7:30am -???

**Youth Group:** coordinators: Scott and Allison Troyer



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