



**Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship**  
**June 2, 2019**



**Fellowship: We say goodbye, with a mixture of gratitude and sadness unique to each person assembled here**

Leader: God has provided for us through the ministry of Pastor Renee. The time has come to bid farewell. Do we Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship release Renee from her pastoral responsibility and ministerial relationship?

**Fellowship: With God's help, we release Renee from being our pastor.**

Leader: Renee, do you release Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship from its loyalty to you as pastor?

*Renee: With courage and strength given by the spirit, I do. When we meet in the future, I will be your friend, but not your pastor. I will no longer care for pastoral responsibilities among you. I pray God's blessing on each person here in their spiritual journey, and I pray God's blessing on CMF in its continued ministry.*

Leader: As we release Renee from ministry at Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship, we also ask God's blessing on her future.

**Fellowship: We offer our support and encouragement to you, Renee, as your vocation unfolds in new settings in Cincinnati and elsewhere. We pray God's blessing on you and on us as we begin in a new relationship with each other, in which you are no longer our pastor.**

## Exchange of Gifts

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

## Prayers of the Community

# Sending

**Sending Song**

The Lord lift you up

STJ 73

## 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)

**Attendance Last Week:** 67 with 5 visitors

**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 from the sound technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

## 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, June 2

Pastor Renee's Farewell Celebration (9:30am, CMF Upper Level)  
Worship (10:30am)

### ...This Week

### ...Next Week

Sunday, June 9  
Tuesday, June 11

PJOS Meeting (8:45am, Peace House)  
Community Meal (5pm-7pm, CMF Lower Level)

### ...Coming Up

Check out the "Events" page on our website for more calendar information: <http://www.cincinnati mennonite.org/calendar/events/>

**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.

## Congregational Announcements

*Please send your announcements to the office before 11:00am on Friday.*

**It is time to update the CMF directory again!** Please check the draft copy of the directory in the gathering area for accuracy. Please use the red pen provided to make any corrections.

**It is time for CMF to renew our group subscription to The Mennonite magazine.** If you would like to join the group subscription to The Mennonite at a reduced rate of \$37 annually, please contact the CMF office and submit your payment by Sunday, June 16. Payment can be made through the offering; please write "The Mennonite Subscription" in the memo line of checks, or submit cash in an envelope marked "The Mennonite Subscription."

**Renee Kanagy's personal email is reneekanagy@yahoo.com.** The church email account will be closed later this week.

## Announcements from the Wider Church

### **Mennonite Church USA**

**There's still time to register for MennoCon19!** Come for a couple days or the whole time. Get more info and register at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration).

### **Central District Conference**

The Central District Conference Annual Meeting is less than a month away (June 20-22)! The Meeting will take place at Milwaukee (WI) Mennonite Church. Take advantage of early registration through June 10. Find out more at [mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting/](http://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting/).

## 16 Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -  
 2 Have you car - ried heav - y si - lence, have you let old sor - rows  
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur - pris - ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing  
 win, or pro - claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not  
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sis - tance to in -

E/B F B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a  
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was  
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly  
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -  
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

E/B                      C#m                      F/B                      E

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!  
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.  
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

## Notes



**Book Club** will meet on Sunday, July 28 after church at Ault Park. The book to be discussed is "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. 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 us around the round table in the gathering area if interested.



**Our Women's Group** facilitator is Ann Schrock; please contact her to be added to email list or with questions.

**The Men's Group** meets every third Saturday of each month for breakfast— all men are welcome. Coordinator: Jim Miller. If interested and not on Jim's email list, please contact to be added. The location is announced in the email. Jim would appreciate a headcount midweek prior to the Breakfast. The group meets at 7:30am.

**Youth Group** coordinators are Crystal & Guy Ridge and Jaimi & Neil Widmer.



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*The church office is in the Peace House at 3046 Minot Avenue, on the first floor.*  
Services are recorded and available to be checked out.  
Sermons are posted online at [cincinnati mennonite.org](http://cincinnati mennonite.org)  
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