

CINCINNATI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 02/28/2021

Time: 10:15 AM (Worship starts at 10:30)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371911727?pwd=bEdOMTg0R1NQK2NRMXdBNklpVG1Sdz09>

Meeting ID: 371 911 727

Password: 180430

WORSHIP LEADER: REBECCA BROMELS

SPEAKER: RANDY MILLER

MUSIC COORDINATORS: MARY & ROD STUCKY

Today's Lectionary Texts: Genesis 17:1-7; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Focus: *We are transformed by God as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into the unfamiliar woods, as we lose ourselves, we are found.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE Mary & Rod S. *Will you come and follow me*

WELCOME Rebecca B.

CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER

One: God, you ask us to set our minds on you, to walk before you and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and you do not hide your face from us.

Many: **With each step along the path, we are transformed into who you made and called us to be.**

One: God, you teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

Many: **With each step along the path, we hope against hope in your promises.**

One: God, you say you will make us exceedingly fruitful, that you will bless us.

Many: **With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow you.**

All: ***We believe your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever.***

We call out to you, as you call us deeper into this covenant.

CELEBRATING

MUSIC *Build my life* (VT#92) (For lyrics, see insert.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rebecca B.

**Many: Deep calls to deep.
We call to you from the depths of our hearts.**

One: We confess when we have stayed on the edges.
Not listening to each other.
Not taking the path you show.

We confess when we have strayed from the way
Silencing suffering.
Forfeiting life.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep commitment.)

Deep calls to deep.
You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many: Calling us to deep commitment.
We come to you, God.**

HEARING

SCRIPTURE Suzanne Marie H. Mark 8:31-38

MEDITATION Randy M. "No Cross, No Crown"

RESPONDING

REFLECTION Randy M. What do you sense God calling you to commit to more deeply?

SLIDES IN SILENCE Greta H.

SONG OF RESPONSE *What does the Lord require?* (HWB #409) (See insert.)

SHARING JOYS & SORROWS Rebecca B.

PRAYER

SENDING

MUSIC *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* (VT #581) (See insert.)

BENEDICTION Randy M.

OFFERINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Following the service, there will be an invitation to join breakout rooms for smaller groups to check in with each other. You may click YES to the invitation or remain in the larger meeting room.

HYMN LYRICS

“Build my life” (Voices Together Hymnal #92)

2-28-21

Verse 1: Worthy of ev’ry song we could ever sing;
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring;
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.

Refrain: Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
Show me who you are, and fill me with your heart,
And lead me in your love to those around me.

CELEBRATING

Verse 2: Jesus, the name above ev’ry other name,
Jesus, the only one who could ever save:
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.

Refrain: Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
Show me who you are, and fill me with your heart,
And lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.

“What does the Lord require” (HWB #409)

RESPONDING

Verse 1: What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

Verse 2: People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

Verse 4: How shall our life fulfill God’s law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we’ll humbly walk with God.

SENDING

“Lord Jesus, you shall be my song” (Voices Together Hymnal #581)

Verse 1: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I’ll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Verse 2: Lord Jesus, I’ll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I’ll praise you as long as I journey.

Please plan to join CMF worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15 via Zoom through **APRIL** and possibly longer. Thank you and be safe.

CMF WORSHIP ~ SERVING FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Coordinator: Jane P.
Worship Leader: Rebecca B.
Speaker: Randy M.
Music Coordinators: Mary & Rod S.
Children's Time: Jane P. (Pre-Church)
Scripture Reader: Suzanne Marie H.
Attendance: Molly S.
PowerPoint: Maggie S.
Zoom Host: Rebecca B.

CMF ONGOING ZOOM GROUPS & LINKS

CMF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ Sunday mornings at

10:15; Worship starts at 10:30

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CMF SOCIAL HOUR GROUP ~ Thursday evenings at 7:00

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Meeting ID: 308 580 590

Passcode: 752912

ADULT FORUM ~ Monday mornings at 10:00

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Meeting ID: 839 9639 8199

Password: 921626

CMF SINGLES GROUP ~ Wednesdays at 12 noon

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89174011887?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89174011887?pwd=bmJzVjgyL09iSkFvVVQzZ3FBdHhCZz09)

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Meeting ID: 891 7401 1887

Password: 655449

Phone: 1 301 715 8592

CMF Men's Group ~ Third Saturday morning at 8:00

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86871094702?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86871094702?pwd=M3VUTU5mdWRcRjwNFRKaHN0eGIBQ09)

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Meeting ID: 868 7109 4702

Passcode: 311459

"Or did we get it wrong"

We salute you Prince of Peace

Then we daily commit violence:

against our neighbor close at hand, by word and deed;

against our neighbor far away,

by our systems that keep hurt invisible;

against creation by our heavy consuming;

... wittingly, unwittingly,

greedily, without caring.

And then find much of our violence

is in the name of your righteousness,

that you have started these cycles of violence

with your ethnic cleansing.

Or did we get it wrong?

Or did you get it wrong?

Prince of Peace: Purge the hungry violence among us.

Use this Lent to turn away our devouring habits,

Make us thin and lean and quiet,

and led beyond your fierceness.

Prince of Peace!

Amen.

With you it is never "more or less"

We will be your faithful people —
more or less —

We will love you with all our hearts —
perhaps —

We will love our neighbor as ourselves —
maybe.

We are grateful that with you it is
never "more or less"
"perhaps"
"maybe."

With you it is never "yes and no,"
but always "yes"—clear, direct,
unambiguous, trustworthy.

We thank you for your "yes"
come flesh among us. Amen.

~ Walter Brueggemann
Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth