

CINCINNATI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 03/14/2021

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 371 911 727

Password: 180430

WORSHIP LEADER: CONNIE BRIGGS

SPEAKER: RANDY MILLER

MUSIC COORDINATORS: MARY & ROD STUCKY

Today's Scripture Texts: John 2:13-22; Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Focus: *The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs. We are called to deep healing by trusting in God, who calls us in love.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mary & Rod S.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

WELCOME

Connie B.

CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

Many: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

CELEBRATING

MUSIC

Beautiful Things

(VT # 551) (See insert for lyrics.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Connie B.

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

HEARING

SCRIPTURE Kamala R. Ephesians 2:1-10

MEDITATION Randy M. "God's Handiwork"

RESPONDING

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION *How is God calling you to deep healing? What in your life needs God's healing today?*

SLIDES IN SILENCE Greta H.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Healer of our every ill* (VT # 644) (See insert)

SHARING JOYS & SORROWS / PRAYER Connie B.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Jim M. Conference Report:
Central District Conference Regional Meeting

SENDING

MUSIC *God of the Bible* (VT # 420) (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.

Beautiful Things (VT # 551)

All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change at all.
All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground;

Out of chaos, life is being found in you.

You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.

You make me new, you are making me new.

You make me new, you are making me new.

Healer of our every ill (VT #644)

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,

Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.

Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow.

God of the Bible (VT #420)

God of the Bible, God in the gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,

You are our center, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Refrain:

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,

Still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss,

Bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes, facing the cross.

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 MARCH 14. 2021

Coordinator: Greta H.
Worship Leader: Connie B.
Speaker: Randy M.
Music Coordinators: Rod & Mary Stucky.
Children's Time: Jane P. (Pre-Church)
Scripture Reader: Kamala R.
Moment for Mission: Jim M.
Attendance: Kamala R.
PowerPoint: Randy M.
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

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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=M3VUTU5mdWRcRXJwNFRKaHN0eGIBQT09)

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Meeting ID: 868 7109 4702

Passcode: 311459

STILL by A. R. Ammon

I said I will find what is lowly
and put the roots of my identity
down there:

each day I'll wake up
and find the lowly nearby,
a handy focus and reminder,
a ready measure of my significance,
the voice by which I would be heard,
the wills, the kinds of selfishness

I could

freely adopt as my own:

but though I have looked everywhere,
I can find nothing
to give myself to:
everything is

magnificent with existence, is in
surfeit of glory:
nothing is diminished,
nothing has been diminished for me:

I said what is more lowly than the grass:

ah, underneath,

a ground-crust of dry-burnt moss:

I looked at it closely

and said this can be my habitat: but

nestling in I

found

below the brown exterior

green mechanisms beyond the intellect

awaiting resurrection in rain: so I got up

and ran saying there is nothing lowly in the

universe:

I found a beggar:

he had stumps for legs: nobody was paying

him any attention: everybody went on by:

I nestled in and found his life:

there, love shook his body like a devastation:

I said

though I have looked everywhere

I can find nothing lowly

in the universe:

I whirled though transfigurations up and down,

transfigurations of size and shape and place:

at one sudden point came still,

stood in wonder:

moss, beggar, weed, tick, pine, self, magnificent
with being!