

November 25, 2018
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

Prayer

*Hymns *I sing the mighty power of God* HWB 46
Move in our midst HWB 418

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Confession

Spirit of the Living God, we confess that we live in a world of cold rationality, computers, paper reports, order and business as usual that encroaches upon worship. Too often worship has become so rote and routine that we can walk through it with eyes blindfolded. We cling for dear life to our order of worship lest the Spirit of "holy disorder" enter and disrupt what we have planned for ourselves.

Come, Holy Disruptor, and break in upon us with divine surprise, rip open the veil that covers our eyes, and unsettle us with your sacred joy!

Assurance John 3:8 NRSV

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Lighting the Peace Candle Terry Zehr

God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling. Dios de paz. Cristo de paz. Espíritu de paz. Tú nos llamas para ser pacificadores. Hoy encendemos esta candela para recordarnos de este llamado.

Hymn *Like the murmur of the dove's song* HWB 29

LISTENING

Children's time Trish Habegger

Scripture Psalm 139:1-18 Insert

Scripture Mark 1:9-11 Tyler Klassen, Jamie Pitts

Sermon **Can we commit to experience transformation?** Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *Rain down* SJ 49

Responding in testimony and sharing Jake Hess
What spoke to you this morning? What joys and concerns would you share? (Please be brief and focused.)

Prayer

Offering
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

SENDING

*Hymn *Holy Spirit, come with power* HWB 26

*Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

Children grades K through 5 are invited to the playground at the back of the sanctuary for quiet activities after the children's time.

Please return your hymnal(s) to a cart in the hallway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Choir: Prayer Choir will meet this week on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 6 pm.

Preschool poinsettia fund-raiser: Tomorrow is the deadline to sign up for purchasing poinsettias. Please check out the information on the bulletin board or contact a board member if you would like to order poinsettias. You may also order directly from Samantha Crosser, since Billi Jo is a student.

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace will host the documentary film, "The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the United States," on Thursday, Nov. 29, 7-8:30 pm at Southside Fellowship, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart. This is a stunning exposé on how propaganda drives public opinion and, in turn, our understanding of reality. Following the 84-minute movie, for those interested, there will be time for conversation about the movie. All are invited and welcome. The event is free of charge.

Christian education today

The adult class is studying *Pathways*, a study guide drawing on Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward goals. Jamie Pitts leads the class today.

Children and youth will meet in their classes as usual.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Tyler Klassen
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Ushers	Hillary Harder Jacob Underwood, Larry Underwood
Childcare	Annie Mohr, William Odhiambo
Visuals	Elaine Frey
Sound system	Mary Klassen

Snacks Amanda and Marlyn Fast

Next Sunday Tim Stair, preacher
Sueann VonGunten, worship leader

Attendance, Nov 18 88, including 1 guest

Calendar for the week

Wed, Nov 28, 6 pm	Prayer Choir
Thurs, Nov 29, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Dec 1, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming calendar items

Sun, Dec 2, 11 am	Decorating for the holidays during the Christian Ed hour
Sun, Dec 2, 5:30 pm	Spaghetti and Scripture
Note: No Spaghetti and Scripture on Nov 25	
Mon, Dec 24, 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve service
Mon, Dec 31, 6:30 pm	New Year's Eve service

Psalm 139 (The Message)

GOD, investigate my life;
get all the facts firsthand.

**I'm an open book to you;
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.**

You know when I leave and when I get back;
I'm never out of your sight.

**You know everything I'm going to say
before I start the first sentence.**

I look behind me and you're there,
then up ahead and you're there, too—
your reassuring presence, coming and going.

**This is too much, too wonderful—
I can't take it all in!**

Is there any place I can go to avoid your Spirit?
to be out of your sight?

**If I climb to the sky, you're there!
If I go underground, you're there!**

If I flew on morning's wings
to the far western horizon,

**You'd find me in a minute—
you're already there waiting!**

Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!
At night I'm immersed in the light!"

**It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you;
night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.**

Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.

**I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration—what a creation!**

You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

**Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to
birth;**

**all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared
before I'd even lived one day.**

Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful!

God, I'll never comprehend them!

I couldn't even begin to count them—

any more than I could count the sand of the sea.

Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you!