

Call to Worship

Leader: In many languages, the people sing praises to the glory of God.
People: **Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!**
Leader: O Lord our God, how awesome are your works!
People: **Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!**
Leader: God blesses all nations through Jesus the Christ.
People: **Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!**
Leader: The Spirit of God weaves many threads into our tapestry.
People: **Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!**
Leader: God, bind us together so we may love each other more fully!
People: **Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!**

Prayers

Jo Ann Borntreger's brother, John, passed away last Sunday. May God's comfort surround the family as they travel and gather for the memorial service this week. May Christ's light shine even in the midst of grief.

Give thanks for the efforts of persons in our area who are working collaboratively to find healthy, holistic ways to address drug addiction. Pray for creativity and openness to hear one another's ideas. Pray for those who struggle with addictions.

Pray for those affected by Hurricane Harvey, particularly for the most vulnerable populations. Pray also for those who are working to provide assistance, including MDS and members of Houston Mennonite Church. Pray that they may be wise and compassionate in managing the resources available.

Pray for the Mennonite seminaries in Columbia, Guatemala, Ethiopia, and the USA as they train and inspire church leaders in biblical and Anabaptist theology. Pray for seminary staff and students as they put what they learn into practice to strengthen God's people.



PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 3, 2017

*We welcome all persons
to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually
seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.*

Bind us Together – Celebrating the God Who Created Diversity

Focus: When we focus on faithful obedience to God's vision we end up with a fuller picture of who God is.

Gather to Worship

Song: Yonder come day – SJ 115
Welcome and Introductions
Call to Worship (see back of bulletin)

Singing our Faith

In Christ there is no east or west – H 306
God loves all Her many people – H 397
I come with joy to meet my Lord – H 459

Celebrating Shalom – Wally Shellenberger

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for September goes to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Hearing God's Word

Children's time
Scripture: Acts 10: 9-29a, 34-35
Meditation: A Tale of Two Visions

Response

Sharing Joys and concerns/intercessory prayer

Announcements

Sending Song: The Lord lift you up – SJ 73

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All the congregation

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OUR COVENANT

In covenanting together, we affirm that Jesus Christ is Lord. We gratefully acknowledge him as our Lord and accept his teaching as the way to live. We recognize the importance of:

- Regular Bible study, worship with others, and prayer as a vital part of our Christian life.
- Taking each other seriously, contributing our gifts and caring for one another in love to strengthen the Christian body.
- Living and sharing the Good News as Christ has taught us and as the Holy Spirit enables.

TODAY

The God-directed encounter between Cornelius and Peter was a pivot point in the spread of the gospel and the expansion of God’s mission to Gentiles. We are heirs of that gift! As we celebrate the God who created diversity, we are called to stay rooted to Jesus who reconciles us to God and to one another.

NEXT SUNDAY

You are invited to read 1 & 2 Timothy in preparation for our upcoming worship series.

Christian Education hour for all ages resumes for the fall season. We will have time during worship to recognize and commission Sunday School teachers and helpers.

THIS WEEK

Wed. Sept. 6, Small Groups

Fri. Sept. 8, Circle of Care comm. mtg. 1 pm.

UPCOMING

Sept. 22-23 – Michiana Mennonite **Relief Sale** in Elkhart to benefit MCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP FRIEDENSWALD, SEPTEMBER 15-17: Restoring our Soul: Cultivating Peace Within and Beyond. Our lives are often full, the world seems in turmoil - How can we be at peace? At this retreat we will pause to discover how we might cultivate peace within, restore ourselves, and make a difference in our world. REGISTER TODAY AT FRIEDENSWALD.ORG/RETREATS [1] COST: \$160, UNDER 25 FREE. Sherry Schmidt is planning on attending so if you are interested you might want to talk to her about traveling together.

Oct. 6-8 – “Remain in Me” retreat for women and girls at camp Amigo. The retreat will feature Mennonite Women USA executive director Marlene Bogard, and entertainment based on the Mennonite Women of Color Oral History Project. If interested, see bulletin board or talk to Rebecca.

New on Bulletin Board: *Meet Jesus in Guatemala with us* – Goshen College flyer, the Menno-Hof Newsletter: *reunion*.

New in magazine rack: September issue of *the Mennonite*.

<p><u>TODAY</u> Sept. 3, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bind us Together</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Becky Johnson Music Leader: Keith Gibbons Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Wendell Lantz & Doris Wendell Nursery: Joanna Woodsmall/Evie Shellenberger A.V.: Andrew Blount</p>	<p><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> Sept. 10, 2017 (worship at 9:30)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Letters to Timothy</i></p> <p>Worship Leader: Music Leader: Mary Mininger Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman Greeters: Ted & Darlene Larrison Nursery: Becky Johnson/Crescencia Nunez AV: Andrew Blount</p>
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