

"Calling all the Children Home"

World Communion Sunday
Paoli Mennonite Fellowship
October 7, 2018



Gathering

Song: "Calling all the Children Home" by John McCutcheon

Welcome & Introductions

Call to Worship:

My genesis is in you, O God,
my beginnings are in Eden,
my origins are those of every man and woman.
Forgive me the falseness of what I have become,
the ugliness and divisions of which I am a part.
Restore me to the true fullness of my birth to you,
the heritage of all that has Being.
Renew me this day in the genesis of my soul,
the beauty of Eden deep in each created thing.

Songs: Morning has broken – H 648
(solo: Keith Gibbons)
Here in this place – H 6

God's Word – Human's Word

A letter to the U.S.A. churches

Song: How can I say – SS 117

Confession: The Prayer of Oscar Romero

Micah 6:6-8; Amos 5:24

Song: O Healing River

Children's Story: Loading the Pea – Phil Mininger

Our Response

Offering: Special giving this month goes to
Giving Back to Africa.

The Lord's Prayer: German, Slovak, Spanish, The Message
Coming to the Table – The feast of God

Songs: Calling All the Children Home
You Are Holy – SS 34
Santo (Holy) – SS 15

Sharing/Prayer

Song response: Oyenos Mi Dios – H 358

Announcements

Sending Song:

Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God) – SS 98

The Prayer of Oscar Romero

It, helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the
Magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying that
The Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that should be said.
No prayer fully expressed our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produced effects
far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own.
Amen.

Today

Today we join with faith communities around the world in celebrating the most universal Christian symbol through "World Communion Sunday".

Regular Sunday School classes begin today for all ages. The adult class will continue discussion on Journey Forward.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday we celebrate Peace Sunday 2018. Our theme is: A renewed peace church welcomes the stranger. Throughout the Biblical narrative we encounter a God who reminds people to show hospitality to others, especially those who are most vulnerable. To welcome the stranger and help those who need help is to do it for Jesus Christ himself!

This Week

Wally and Andy Gerber will be hosting an **ELF night on Wednesday, October 10**. They will acquaint us with Hebrew, Persian and contemporary poetry. The focus for the evening is "Love's Face: The Word Becomes Flesh." We will eat together at 6 p.m. The poetry learning time will begin at 7. Activities will be provided for our children.

Thur. Oct 11, **PET mtg.** 7:00 pm.

Fri. Oct. 12, **Circle of Care.**

Announcements

PMF's summer "**noisy offering**" raised **\$267.09 for Foods Resource Bank**. We will be sending a check to support MCC and other faith-based organizations in their work to reduce global food insecurity.

The most recent copy of **The Mennonite** is in the magazine rack. The focus is on Loving Enemies and features articles on forgiveness, pacifism and politics, praying for enemies searching for a just peace and the Samaritan woman's #metoo moment. Check it out!

Each month Mennonite Mission Network publishes prayer requests for their work across the world. The **October Prayer Vine** is posted on the bulletin board.

Please claim your items from the **Lost and Found table in the hallway**. After the 14th all unclaimed items will find a new home! Jan for the Trustees.

Prayers

October 8 is Indigenous Peoples Day. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the descendants of White settlers to understand their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this land. Pray also for mission workers who support marginalized people groups in reclaiming their land, their language, and their dignity.

Pray for the people of Indonesia who are suffering from the effects of an unbelievable, powerful earthquake and tsunami. More than 1400 people lost their lives in this disaster. May we in this country, so focused on our own national drama, find ways to open our hearts with compassion to the many in our world who suffer, trying to find safety and the basic necessities for life! Christ have mercy!

Continue to remember Louise O'Connell and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of her mother Anna Gehman. We celebrate with Louise, and her family, her life of service to others, especially the most vulnerable. She spent endless hours working to establish the Hilltop Sunday School for children with disabilities and the Indian Creek Foundation in Souderton hoping that her son with Down Syndrome would have a place to work after he finished school. Her efforts were very fruitful and have since benefitted many people with disabilities.