Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Ashamed No More Lent 3: We Will Seek the Lord and Be Fruitful

We Gather

Prelude

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)

Leader: Come worship the God whom you seek.

People: We do seek God. Our souls thirst for God, just like the dry land thirsts for water.

Leader: Here in this place we can meet God, experience God's power, and worship God's glory.

- People: With our mouths we praise God's faithful love, which is better than life itself.
- All: We will bless you, O God, as long as we live! You have satisfied our souls with rich food, and we are grateful.

Opening Prayer

Songs: I sing the mighty power of God (blue, 46) Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah (blue, 50) I saw a tree by the riverside (purple, 116)

Offering

What We Bring to Bear

Prayer of Confession Words of Assurance Terri Plank Brenneman Song: *I will come to you in the silence* (purple, 49)

We Hear God's Word

Children's Time Alisha Snyder Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 Sermon: "Invitation, Grace, and Challenge" Marilyn Rudy-Froese

We Respond

Hymn of Response: The tree of life (blue, 509)Congregational Sharing and PrayerRichard Miller

Song: *O blessed spring* (purple, 100) Closing Prayer

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission Welcoming Visitors (*Please pass the friendship registers.*) Announcements (*Join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.*) Benediction Penny Power Collection and Song *During worship, childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the nursery.* Worship Participants: Worship Leader: Dan Schrock Song Leader: Greg Smucker Accompanist: Paul Leichty Prelude/Offertory: Terri Plank Brenneman Media Technician: Matthew Williams Ushers: Visuals: Lana Smucker and Anne Berry

Visitors can find a newsletter on the literature rack in the fellowship hall.

<u>Nurture Hour</u> begins ten minutes after worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

Classes for Children and Youth

Children from preschool through fifth grade go directly to their classrooms after worship for a snack.

- Infants and toddlers meet in "Cherub Corner"
- Preschool (2, 3, 4, and 5 year-olds) meet in "Joyful"
- Primary (grades 1-3) meet in "Peace"
- Middlers (grades 4-5) meet in "Gentleness"
- The JYF (grades 6-8) and MYF (grades 9-12) meet in classrooms off Jubilee Hall

Classes for Adults

- College class meets in the library.
- Membership class meets in the music room off Jubilee hall.
- Women's class meets in Lois' office.
- "Better for You than a Donut" class meets in Dan Schrock's office. Discussion-oriented.
- Sermon discussion class meets in "Forgiveness" classroom.
- Men's Spirituality class meets in the sanctuary.