



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Rooted and Grounded in Christ's Love (2022 Theme)

Lent Five: Seeking God's Ways

Call to Worship

Song: *Mountain of God*

VT 11

Greeting and Prayer

Richard Kauffman

Responsive Reading

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

Songs: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

VT 88

Let Us Build a House

VT 36

Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God's ways.

All: Lord, move us from our scarcity

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.
Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Prayer and Snuffing of Candle

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the children?**

Children's Time Carrie Norris

Prayer and Offering

Scripture and Sermon Mark Schloneger

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon: "From Scarcity to Abundance"

Responding

Song of Response: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* VT 322

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Judy Weaver

Sending

Announcements Richard Kauffman

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Song: *Beyond a Dying Sun* VT 416

Benediction

Worship Participants

AV Technician: Terry MacGregor

Song Leader: Andrea Bontrager Yoder

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Offertory: Sam Norris

Ushers: Diane and Lowell Nafziger

Visuals: Laura and Randy Horst

"We chose to use objects with multiple connotations and meanings. The roots and grounding of Christ's love is represented by the circle of vines. The vines, physically similar to roots, form a circle representing our dynamic earth and the broader seasonal and cyclical nature of birth and growth – Christ's love is not static, but ever evolving and regenerating. Small buds on the circle hint at the fruits to come. Inspired by the forms of plants and trees, the larger organic shapes that appear to extend from the circle are the fruits of Christ's love as manifested in us – Christ's love grows within each of us in a unique way, but also helps form a broader network and community."

* *Will the children?*, written by Greg Smucker

Fellowship and Nurture Hour

Everyone is invited to participate in Sunday School. Classes begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner, Room #3
- PRESCHOOL II (age 4) – Forgiveness class, Room #2
- KINDERGARTEN (age 5) – Kindness class, Room #1
- PRIMARY (grade 1) – Peaceful class, Room #5
- MIDDLE I (grades 2-3) – Gentleness class, Room #4
- MIDDLE II (grade 4-5) – Patience class, Room #6
- JUNIOR YOUTH (grades 6-8) – off Jubilee Hall, Room #9
- HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12) – Room #7
- ADULTS/COLLEGE
 - Sermon Response – Room #10
 - Tending Our Souls – Room #11