Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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

Lent Three: Seeking God's Ways

Call to Worship

Song: We Are People on a Journey VT 464

Greeting and Prayer Katie M and Brian O'Leary

Responsive Reading

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: whose ways are not our ways,

whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

People: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts

of God

People: without money and without price.

All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.

Songs: *I Sought the Lord* VT 161

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand* VT 610

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 feeling we must earn your love to receive and give your grace to ourselves and others.

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 acting as if we must earn your

love. Open us to receiving your love as a gift.

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 Angela and Nate Shenk

Prayer and Offering

Scripture and Sermon Mark Schloneger

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Sermon: "From Earning to Receiving"

Responding

Song of Response: *By Night, We Hasten* VT 543 Congregational Sharing and Prayer Bob Smith

Sending

Announcements Katie M and Brian O'Leary

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Song: May the Peace of Christ VT 843

Benediction

Worship Participants

AV Technician: Michael Sherer Song Leader: Greg Smucker Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Offertory: All Who Are Thirsty (VT 49), Abigail and Amy Kratzer

Ushers: Merrill Krabill, Anita Mounsithiraj

Visuals: Laura and Randy Horst

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
- MIDDLER I (grades 2-3) Gentleness class, Room #4
- MIDDLER 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
 - Journeying Together All are welcome! Feel free to find a group and join if you are interested. Groups include:

<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Location</u>
James Yoder	Room #11
Anna Sawatsky	Library
Aaron Wieand	Sanctuary
Anita Mounsithiraj	Room # 10
Doug Baker	Room # 8
Cindy Baker	Sanctuary
Shirley Dick	Online, Worship Zoom Link

^{*} Will the children?, written by Greg Smucker