



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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

Lent Four: Seeking God's Ways

Call to Worship

Song: *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

VT 42

Greeting and Prayer

Abbe Buller

Responsive Reading

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: rejoicing that we are new creations in Christ.

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what
is ours,

**People: but through Jesus we learn that all share in
God's inheritance.**

Leader: Let us join God's feast,

People: where all celebrate together.

All: *Let us live out God's way of inclusion.*

Songs: *New Earth, Heavens New*

VT 377

Far, Far Away / I Will Arise

VT 300

Responsive Reading

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

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

One: We seek God's ways.

**All: *Lord, move us from our tribal thinking to
your radical inclusion.***

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 thinking we deserve special
treatment. Lead us to radical inclusion.**

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 Richard Kauffman

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: "From Exceptionalism to Inclusion or Will the Real
Prodigal Please Stand Up?"

Responding

Song of Response: *Together* VT 389

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Anna Sawatzky

Sending

Announcements Abbe Buller

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Song: *We Are People of God's Peace* (verses 3 & 4) VT 797

Benediction

Worship Participants

AV Technician: Michael Sherer

Song Leader: Greg Smucker

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Offertory: Ensemble ("What is the World Like," VT 298)

Ushers: Merrill Krabill, Anita Mounsithiraj

Visuals: Laura and Randy Horst

* *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
 - Journeying Together – All are welcome! Feel free to find a group and join if you are interested. Groups include:

Facilitator

James Yoder

Anna Sawatzky

Aaron Wieand

Anita Mounsithiraj

Doug Baker

Cindy Baker

Shirley Dick

Location

Room #11

Library

Sanctuary

Room # 10

Room # 8

Sanctuary

Online, Worship Zoom Link