

College
Mennonite
Church

Holding on and LETTING GO

A black and white line drawing of two stylized human figures. The figure on the left has its arms raised high, holding a small heart. The figure on the right has its arms extended horizontally, also holding a small heart. The figures are simple, with circular heads and rectangular bodies.

March 7, 2010

Lent 3

Meditation

Romans 12:2; Deuteronomy 32:46-47 NRSV

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Songs for Gathering (9:15)

Prelude

“Come to the Waters” (Handel) Isaiah 55:1-9

Call to Worship

Leader: Like parched ground waits for rain,

People: we long for God, body and soul.

Leader: When we see God’s power and glory

People: we can’t help but lift our hands and voices in praise.

Leader: God is the one we seek,

All: God is the one we hold onto.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

HOLDING ON

Hymns “O let all who thirst” H 495
 “I sought the Lord” H 506

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-9

Hymn “Loving Spirit” SJ 34
(children come forward)

Children’s Time

Hymn “There is more love somewhere” SJ 109

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

Sermon “Warning: Danger Ahead”

LETTING GO

Song of Response “The love of God” SJ 44

Church at Work

Prayer

Offering

Ritual of Friendship: *Please sign the friendship pads and pass them to your left. Return them to the other end while noticing who is in your row.*

Offertory “Breathe on me, breath of God” (Jackson)

SENDING

Hymn “God, fill me now” SS 63

Benediction

Assisting in Worship

Song Leader: Lisa Caskey

Prelude: Susan and Lee Dengler, duet

Worship Leader: Lee Dengler

Scripture: Fanni Birky, Larry Rupp

Children’s Time: Rosemary Widmer

Sermon: Vic Stoltzfus

Offertory (Mixed Octet): Carolyn Blosser,
Don Blosser, Bill Clemens, Marilyn
Graber, Pat Massanari, Marilyn Miller,
Allen Peachey, Merle Sommers

Instrumentalists: Theo Budiardja,
Matthew Lind, Nick Oyer, Nancy
Liechty Loewen, Leanne Miller

Visuals: Kelli King

Head Usher: Sandy Lehman

Assistant Head Usher: Doug Yoder

Sound: Sandy Swartzendruber

Video: Luke Birky

Interpreter: Justin Yoder, Sheila S.
Yoder

Art: Rebeka Moeljono

Worship Notes

We welcome all who worship with us. Care for infants is in Room 125; for toddlers and twos in Room 124. At the Welcome Centers you will find newsletters and hosts who are happy to answer your questions. CD's of the worship service are available by 11:15 a.m. at the Welcome Center by door J.

Please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Our sanctuary is equipped with a magnetic induction loop hearing system. Users should turn their hearing aids to the setting marked "T".

Large print worship folders and hymns are available each Sunday in the church office.

"Holding On and Letting Go" – The season of Lent has traditionally been a time of reflection and soul searching, an opportunity to meditate on the life of Jesus and cast a critical eye on our own lives and actions. This year's theme, "Holding On and Letting Go", calls us to hold onto what is most important and to let go of what is peripheral or gets in the way of further growth. The color and shades of purple in the visuals during Lent symbolize the pain and suffering of Jesus leading up to the crucifixion. This color also reflects the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. As the weeks progress, the colors will get darker as we approach Good Friday.

This Week at a Glance

(complete listing in *The CMC Newsletter*)

- Today** 11:45 a.m. College-age and guest meal —Dan and Elaine Schrock's home
4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Valley Camerata concert—Sanctuary
- Monday** 7:30 p.m. Lent Centering Prayer—Rooms 300-301
- Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. Sign language classes—Rooms 108; 110-111; 112-113
- Wednesday** 11:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship—Rooms 304-305
3:00 p.m. Group games—Fellowship Hall
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| Wednesday Evenings | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Supper for everyone—Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 p.m. | Passing on Traditions—Rooms 141-142 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Children's Choirs |
| 6:30 p.m. | Discipling for all ages |
| 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir—Sanctuary |
- Sunday** 9:30 a.m. Worship service—Sanctuary
Sermon: "God is like that" – Willie Kanagy
11:45 a.m. College-age and guest meal—John and Sandra Shenk Lapp's home
7:00 p.m. New Perspectives on Faith— Rooms 300-301

Sunday School Classes - 10:45 a.m.

Guests are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for beverages and fellowship and are also welcome to attend any of the Sunday school classes. Hosts at the Welcome Centers can assist you in finding a class and its location.

Crib (Room 125)

Toddlers (Room 124)

2s and 3s (Room 123)

Preschool (Room 122)

K-2 (Room 121)

Grades 3-4 (Rooms 133-134)

Grades 5-6 (Rooms 131-132)

Grades 7-8 (Genesis) Basement

Grades 9-12 (MYF) Basement

Borderlands (Rooms 141-142) An open and affirming group exploring the integration of faith, life and relationships

College-age Fellowship (Room 144)

Fellowship time/sermon discussion – Sue Neeb, Russ and Marjorie Liechty

Friendship (Rooms 112-113)

“Influencing community change” Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9 – Merle Sommers

Growing Roots (Room 300) “What do we believe?”

Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, Article 15,

“Ministry and Leadership” - Ron Kennel

Homebuilders, 8 a.m. (Rooms 300-301)

March 14 - “Jealousy of others” Jonah 3:10–4:5 – John Lederach

Homebuilders, 10:45 a.m. (Room 307)

“Influencing community change” Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9 –John Lederach

Horizons (Room 108) A welcoming and informal group

Pathfinders (Room 301)

“Honey, I’ve lost my job...effects of job loss” – Joe Christophel, Paul Friesen

Safe Harbor (Prayer Room) Adult Bible Study

Seekers (Room 100) *More Parables from the Backside*, Ch. 8

“Second Chance for a Poor Manager”

Sojourners (Rooms 110-111)

Peacemaking in Iraq – Mabel V. Brunk

Weavings (Room 143)

Join us to celebrate the “Ties That Bind”

Women of the Bible (Newcomer Center, Room 43)

“Herodias” – Fanni Birky

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