

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Worship as Praise

Prelude

Opening Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies (blue, 216)

Morning Star, O cheering sight (blue, 214)

Awake, awake, fling off the night (blue, 448)

Worship as Word

Children's Time

Ron Good

Offertory

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Grant Miller and Evie Nafziger

Sermon "Defending the Poor" Dan Schrock

Song of Response: *What child is this, Helpless and hungry*
(blue, 215 with purple 26)

Worship as Prayer

Silent Reflection: How does my life reflect righteousness, justice and peace?

Confession

Sharing

Richard Miller

Prayer and Candle lighting: *Longing for light* (green, 54)

Closing Prayer (see inside bulletin)

Worship as Community

Welcoming Visitors (*Please pass the friendship registers.*)

Announcements

(Join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.)

Closing song: *Arise, your light is come!* (purple, 30)

During worship, childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the nursery.

Closing prayer to be read together:

Come, Spirit,
make me docile to your voice.

Help me debate angels.

Let your will be done in me even if it means
misunderstanding, rejection, scandal.

Give me wisdom to find you
in the irrational:

heavens gone awry,
astrologers' predictions
songs in the night.

Give me such hospitality of heart that
family, foreign seers,
poor shepherds and animals
find a home in my presence.

Let me protect innocent children from
oppressive power.

Make me fearless of foreign lands and
unknown journeys.

When I cannot find you
do not let me rest until I search
home, highway, and temple.

Let me always insist on miracles to
celebrate love.

And when all I love on earth
lies lifeless in my arms
let me offer it to you with such freedom
of heart

that I am swept up into the heavens.

Amen.

- by mary lou kownacki, osb - benedictine sisters of erie

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Jennifer Schrock
Song Leader: Deb Brubaker
Accompanist: Lane Miller
Prelude/Offertory: Miriam Augsburg
Sound/Projection: Phil Bauman
Ushers: Bob and Lorraine Pflederer
Visuals: Laura Horst, Diane Nafziger, Sue Byler (supplier of nativity sets)

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

Nurture Hour 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.
- ◆ Women's class meets in Lois' office. Discussing the book *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott.
- ◆ "Better for You than a Donut" class meets in Dan Schrock's office. Discussion-oriented.
- ◆ Sermon discussion class meets in the sanctuary.
- ◆ "Practices: Mennonite Worship and Witness" meets in the "Forgiveness" classroom.