



## Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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### *Sexuality Series: Desire and Covenant*

#### **Gathering & Praising**

Prelude: *A time to quiet your spirit in preparation for worship*  
Gathering Song: *Here in this place* blue, 6  
Call to Worship (based on Psalm 42)  
*Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams*  
**People:** *So our souls thirst for the living God.*  
*Leader: Our desires and longings well up within us*  
**People:** *We pour out our souls to the One who knows us.*  
*Leader: Deep calls to deep. We are calling, we are listening.*  
**People:** *Let our worship, our work, our relationships,  
be holy expressions of your energy within us.*  
**All:** *Thanks be to God, who fills us with life.*  
Opening Prayer  
Songs: *I sing the mighty power* blue, 46  
*Mothering God* blue, 482  
*Christ's is the world* green, 62

#### **Hearing God's Word**

Song: *Will the Children?* insert  
Children's Time James Yoder  
Confession and Assurance  
Song: *This is my body* insert  
Scripture: Isaiah 49:14b-16a, Psalm 42:1-2 Leah Amstutz  
Sermon: *Focusing Desire in Covenant* Dan Schrock

#### **Responding to God**

Response Ritual: Receiving and Giving Our Offerings  
Song of Response: *Joyful, Joyful* blue, 72  
Sharing and Congregational Prayer  
Song: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* purple, 121  
Closing Prayer

#### **Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission**

Holding Our World: *Mennonite World Conference* John Roth

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors  
*(Please pass the friendship registers)*  
Announcements  
Benediction

*Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.*

#### **Worship Participants:**

Worship Leader: Marilyn Rudy-Froese  
Song Leader: Deb Brubaker  
Accompanist: Paul Leichty  
Prelude/Offertory: Lisa Showalter  
Congregational Prayer: Richard Miller  
Nursery: Rita and Jud Gingrich  
Ushers: Clare and Merrill Krabill and Family  
AV Operator: Phil Bauman  
Visuals: Anne Berry, Sculpture: Clare and Merrill Krabill

*Childcare is available during worship for infants & toddlers (Ages 0-3).*

#### **Nurture Hour**

During our series on sexuality, the configuration of MYF and adult Christian education classes will change from Sunday to Sunday. Members of the Sexuality Planning Committee will generally lead the classes. For this Sunday, January 19, the classes are as follows. In future weeks the classes will sometimes be intergenerational so we can hear each other across the generations.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (under 2 years) – *Cherub Corner*
- PRESCHOOL (ages 2-4) – *Joyful Class*
- PRIMARY (K-Grade 2) – *Peaceful Class*
- MIDDLE (Grade 3-5) – *Forgiveness Class*
- JUNIOR YOUTH – *JYF*
- MYF - ADULTS – *Sexuality Series (Today Only)*
  - High School – *MYF room*
  - College/Young Adult – *Library*
  - Post-College/Young Adult – *Jubilee Hall*
  - Women's and Sermon Response – *Sanctuary*
  - Better than a Donut / Animate: Faith – *Jubilee Hall*

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