

Offering

Song: *Jesus is a friend* - 1. Jesus is a friend...

2. Shake another hand...

3. Jesus is a friend...

### Nurture Presentations

Preschoolers: New Testaments Trish Shenk

Ana Sofia, Lena, Henry, Ezra, Obie, Julia, Norah, Caleb, Conrad

Children Moving from Nursery to Sanctuary Joanne Gallardo

for Worship: CDs

Kahlan, Max, Micah, Oliver, Abram

Kindergartners: God's eyes Justin Heinzekehr

Theo, Luke, Michael, Brennan, Isaac, Ellie, Evan

Second Grade Bibles Patty Lehman

Ava, Adelyn, Abigail, Olivia, Isabela

Commissioning of the Teachers Joanne Gallardo

## Commissioning Prayer

### Leader:

God of Creation, you have gifted these teachers with leadership, creativity and curiosity.

We pray you will fill them with the love of Christ, and the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit. Infuse them with energy and insight into your Word, As they carry out their education ministries.

All teachers (Sunday School and community teachers):

You have not called us to be perfect

You have called us to be faithful

You have not called us to be all knowing

You have called us to believe.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching.

### Congregation:

Bless our teachers we pray.

Remind us to find ways

to support and encourage them throughout the year.

May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

Open our hearts this year to new insights.

No matter our age, keep us growing as children of God.

### All:

We commit ourselves,

each to our part,

in this joyful task of learning from each other.

May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide us in all we do. Amen.

*Adapted from Lois Siemens' "Prayer for commissioning SS teachers," Superb Mennonite*

### Responding

Song: *Teach me, O Lord*

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Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Bob Smith

### Transition to Fellowship

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

*(Please pass the friendship registers.)*

Announcements

Introduction of Adult Classes

Trish Shenk

Sending: Congregational Reading

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Closing Song: *Teach me thy truth*

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### Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Laura Moshier

Song Leader: Jenny Hooley

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Ushers: Lowell & Diane Nafziger

Slide Presentation: Phil Bauman & Lindsay Diener-Locke

AV Operator: Michael Sherer

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.*

*We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.*

Infant Care: Betty & Sherm Kauffman, Alisha Snyder

Toddler Care: Krysta & Tony Hartman, Mark Yoder

## Nurture Hour

Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (age 4) – Forgiveness class
- KINDERGARTEN (age 5) Kindness class
- PRIMARY (grade 1-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH (grades 6-8) – off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12) – off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE – Library
- ADULTS
  - Sermon Response – off Jubilee Hall
  - Better Than a Doughnut – end of hallway
  - Faith Formation for Families - Sanctuary
  - Women tending their souls - Office
  - Women's Bible Study on Worship – off Jubilee Hall
  - Young Adults - Sanctuary

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## Christian Education Sunday

### Call to Worship

Gathering Song: *Guide my feet*

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Welcome and Opening Words

Reading: "Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers"

Ella McHugh

Landon Moshier

Songs: *I saw a tree by the riverside*

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*Peace before us*

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### Growing in God's Word

Prayer Partner Names

Andrea Bontrager Yoder

Congregational Prayer

Beloved Spirit, Holy and Wise;

We offer ourselves, with all Creation

that You may live within us,

thus may Your Kingdom come.

Your will be done within our hearts and

throughout the earth.

Give us this day what we truly need.

Teach us to forgive as You have forgiven,

and forgive us for causing harm,

even when unintended.

Lead us away from temptation,

and deliver us from evil around us and within.

All life belongs to You.

And to You belongs all power and all glory

now and evermore. Amen.

*Adapted from "A New Lord' Prayer For A New Time With The Same Lord"  
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