

## **Genesis 45:1-15**

### **Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
**Epiphany 4**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer  
Doug Bartel  
Shirley Baltzer

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Doug Bartel

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in  
them. Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

*He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

**He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

*He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.*

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

*He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.*

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

Hymns Your Grace Is Enough VT 167  
Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) VT 88

### SHARING

Children's Story Erin Unruh  
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom  
Hymn I Sought the Lord VT 161

### LISTENING

The Lesson Genesis 45:1-15  
Sermon Fifty (Thousand!) Shades of Grace, Part 2: Tom Harder  
"From the Pit to the Pinnacle"

### RESPONDING

Hymn Mercy, Mercy Lord VT 169  
Benediction  
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Monday, February 1:** \*Lyda Regier

**Tuesday, February 2:** Jeanette Schaefer

**Wednesday, February 3:** Lee Albrecht, \*Jim & Elaine Baker, Ethan Leiker

**The 2021 MCC Sale** in Hutchinson has been postponed to July 2-3, 2021. Mark your calendars!

**Sunday, Feb. 7** – The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College is serving up a second helping of *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, which focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org), "Film Series," for a link to watch *Cooked* for free and a link to register for the Feb. 7 virtual discussion; *advance registration is required to participate in the discussion*, which will be held in break-out rooms. Discussion leaders include Dr. Christy Miller-Hesed along with people who experienced the 1995 Chicago heat disaster.