

Luke 9:18-27

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

²⁰ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

²⁷ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 26, 2020

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Will Friesen
Welcome and Announcements	Hank Unruh
Prelude to Worship	Will Friesen
*Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-10, 45b)	Hank Unruh

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Praise the LORD!

*Prayer		
*Hymns	We sing to you, O God Flow to You	Grey Sgbk 27 Purple Sgbk 4
Time for Children		Erin Unruh

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	You are all we have	Purple Sgbk 56

LISTENING

Scripture		Luke 9:18-27
Sermon	Definitions, Discipleship & Shoes	Wendell Loewen

RESPONDING

*Hymn	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	Purple Sgbk 64
Benediction	As I Rise	Purple Sgbk 23
Postlude		Will Friesen

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

YOU ARE INVITED to gather again at the far (south) end of Memorial Park today (Sunday) at noon for a picnic lunch! Bring your own chairs and lunch. We will sit safely distanced (there is a lot of nice shade) and enjoy each other's company while we eat and converse together. Wearing face masks is recommended whenever you are not eating. We had a wonderful time last Sunday and hope more can join us this week.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

You are welcome to visit! Camp MennoScah is open to families, individuals, and groups for days and overnights. The number of groups on campgrounds is limited and each family/group will have their own bathroom. Canoes are available for use; paddles and lifejackets are checked out and disinfected after use. Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Spend some time at the river, on the trails, or simply enjoying this sacred space!

MCC:

Refugee Kits Needed!

1 adult-size toothbrush	1 wide-toothed comb
1 large bar bath soap	1 hand towel
1 nail clipper	

These 5* simple items can make a difference for someone living in a refugee camp.

The MCC Material Resources Centers across the U.S. and Canada are running very low on these supplies. 45,000 hygiene kits are still needed this year by our partners around the world. We need your help to fulfill this need. More information can be found at mcccanada.ca/kits or mcc.org/kits.

*MCC adds toothpaste before distribution due to customs regulations with expiration dates.

There is a bin in the foyer that you can place purchased items in.

School Kits Needed!

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
12 colored pencils (in packaging)
1 large eraser
2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
1 small **all metal*** pencil sharpener, one or two holes.

***All metal** sharpeners can be found online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Bazic.com](https://www.bazic.com). **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners**, please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

School kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag (11 3/4 x 16 3/4 in). You may:
sew the bag yourself, request bags from an MCC material resources center or donate contents that we will place in a bag.

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MENNONITE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Check out these Everence webinars that are available:

<https://www.everence.com/everence-events/national-advisors-and-representatives/recorded-webinars-past>

* The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum, Goessel, KS, will have a benefit Bierock Carry-out Meal. Saturday, August 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (while supplies last). The meal is a free-will donation or \$10 suggested donation. New Year's Cookies will also be available by the half dozen and dozen. Suggested donations: \$5 and \$10, respectively. Look for the arrows to direct traffic past the museum's Prep School, 200 N. Poplar, Goessel. No reservation needed.

* Mennonite Church USA has put together **a collection of laments**, written by pastors, leaders, lay people and students, on the recent and persistent violence of racism. You are invited to pray and lament along with them: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/lament-violence-of-racism/>

CALENDAR:

July 29 7:30 p.m. Worship/Vision Meeting via Zoom
August 13 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting via Zoom