

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴ The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 21, 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Deep in the Earth: Called to Deep Growth”

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome and Announcements

Keith Harder

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

*Call to Worship

Keith Harder

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with Israel. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts. Put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.

We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sin no more.

There is a time for everything, and sometime, the hour is upon us. Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

“The hour has come. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

We call out to you, as you call us to deeper growth.

*Prayer

Hymn

Seeds

VT 777

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Let us read together . . .

Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

*We confess our resistance to being planted
into your aching earth,*

*into the way of covenant.
We confess our need for you to plant within us
the joy of your salvation,
a willing spirit.*

(Silence)

Deep calls to deep.

You call us from the depth of your love,

Calling us to deep growth.

We come to you, God.

Hymn

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

VT 514

SHARING

Children's Time

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

Erin Unruh

Pastor Tom

VT 636

LISTENING

The Lesson

Sermon

Falling Upward

John 12:20-33

Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn

Sending

Postlude

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VT 670

Pastor Tom

Shirley Baltzer

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

Your 2021 Directory is now available in your church mailbox!

**Holy Week Events
March 28- April 4**

Palm Sunday
March 28

10 a.m. *Come and See* (Hosted by Kids in Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional and Worship (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday
April 1

7 p.m. In-person and Virtual Service

Easter Sunday
April 4

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Mark and Sandy Hiebert's farm

10 a.m. *Taste and See!* (Fellowship Hall)
Brunch in a Box and Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. *"Christ is Risen!"* (Sanctuary)

*Families with children will have reserved seats in the sanctuary. All others may sit every other pew. Please continue to wear masks!

**Easter Brunch Boxes – all are invited to feast in the fellowship hall, courtyard, or even – this one Sunday – in the sanctuary!

***Please be seated and ready to celebrate together in the sanctuary no later than 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Our new website is ready for you! Special thanks to Derek Hamm for building this beautiful, functional site. Go to fmchillsboro.com to view.

Hymn Sing: Join in with fellow believers to sing praises to Christ in this Easter season from 6-7 p.m. March 26 at Peabody Christian Church on the corner of Division and Sycamore in Peabody, KS. *Now, as ever, we Christians will sing!*