

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Israel Exalted at Last

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Mark 4:26-34
The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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In Christ –
Making Disciples through
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

“It’s Not About Us!”
June 13, 2021

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

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It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

*Prayer

Hymn

Time for Children

The Lesson, Part One

Life-Giver, Maker, God of All

VT 38

Jan Amstutz

Ezekiel 17:22-24

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer

Hymn

God of Wonders

Pastor Tom

VT 178

LISTENING

The Lesson, Part Two
Sermon

It's Not About Us!

Mark 4:26-34
Pastor Tom Harder

RESPONDING

Singing

To God Be the Glory
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

VT 84

VT 182

Sending
Postlude

VT 1057

Debbie Ewert

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

Today's special offering will go to Camp Mennoscah. If you would like to designate your offering elsewhere, please make a note in your check's memo.

The Ministries Council has approved a proposal by the Worship Committee that the Covid protocols at FMC no longer be mandatory. Starting next week, June 20 (actually the following Sunday the 27th, since we'll be worshipping in the park next Sunday unless it rains), the masking tape imposing social distancing in the sanctuary will be removed, and singing without masks will be allowed throughout the entire service (instead of just at the end). Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be made available in the foyer for those more comfortable with these safety measures. Contact a member of the Ministries Council if you have concerns or questions.

Our annual Sunday School picnic with Trinity Mennonite is next Sunday, June 20! Get ready to enjoy a morning of praising and singing, fun and fellowship with our fellow Trinity friends at the southwest end of Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets, insect repellent, and a picnic lunch for fellowship time following the service. Please note that there will be a special time for kids' activities!

The FMC Nurture Committee has decided we just do not have the resources to do VBS this summer. However, we do have some ideas for both fun and nurturing events this summer on a lesser scale. We or someone else may be contacting you about whether you might help

make those events possible. In the meantime, as FMC emerges out of our COVID protocols, we are trusting to be able to love and serve one another more fully once again!

Summer Food 4 Kids is underway! Grab-n-Go meals are served from 12-12:30 every weekday, but **we need cookies** for the near 80 kids we feed! Please consider how you can contribute, whether with cookies or other simple sweet treats. Call 620-947-3824 if you can help. Thanks for your part in making summer a sweet one for these children.

The sewing group is making Dignity kits for MCC. We are sewing the basic kits but need help collecting the other items to fill them. We will need ladies' cotton briefs (sm, med, lg), hand towels, washcloths, bars of bath soap, bars of laundry soap, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, wooden or plastic clothespins. Please put any of the above donations in the storage cart in the narthex. Thank you for your help!