



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

The 5th Sunday of Lent, April 3, 2022 From scarcity to abundance

*As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not
enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Doug Miller

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

*Call to Worship

Doug Miller

Together we seek the way of God,

Who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

God fills our lives with love and beauty

as sweet fragrance fills the air.,

But through Jesus we learn that all share in God's inheritance.

Let us join God's feast,

Where all celebrate together.

Let us live out God's way of inclusion.

*Hymn

Could It Be That God Is Singing

VT 42

CONFESSING

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55, adapted)

Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

We call upon you while you are near.

*Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.*

**Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into
your abundance.**

*As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way
more clearly*

And follow your way more faithfully.

Prayer

You have assured us, O God, that you make a path in the wilderness, a river in the desert. In the words of Scripture and the experiences of your people, over and over again the answer was always right under our nose, the provision was always there before we could see it. May we trust in the gifts that have been given. May we trust that they are enough, enough and overflowing to the point that they may pass through us like a river in the desert, like perfume over our Savior's feet. Even now the fragrance fills the air. May we breathe deeply your abundance. Amen.

LISTENING

Music from the Tabor College Choir
Dr. Greg Zielke, Conductor; Jenny Epp, Accompanist

“Faith, Hope and Love...and the greatest of these is LOVE.”
I Corinthians 13:13

"In Meeting We are Blessed"
Ritmo

Troy Robertson
Dan Davison

Jenny Epp and Olivia Jury, piano

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel,

Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

soloists Betsy George, Mollie Beaver, Jessica Klein

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Bringing our First Fruits
Hymn of Dedication

God, Whose Giving

Pastor Tom Harder
Shirley Baltzer
VT 745

LISTENING

Music from the Tabor College Choir

God So Loved the World

Chilcott

soloist Betsy George

The Conversion of Saul
O Love

Z. Randall Stroope
Elaine Hagenberg

SENDING

Benediction
Postlude

Pastor Tom Harder
Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- **Pray for our Vision Council** as they meet this coming Monday evening.
- **Pray for Nurture Committee** as they discern possible outreach this summer to children.

Announcements:

Thank you to all who cooked our Wednesday Suppers. We are done for the season.

Friday - Have your donations of **pies and zwiebach** here at the church building **by noon**. (If that doesn't work, Jan Amstutz will go at 4pm.)

Tuesday, April 5th @ 7:00pm – Webinar in the chapel with Doug Bartel. Come learn about the resolutions for the upcoming MC USA Assembly so you can help your delegates know how to vote.

TODAY– **Senior recital by Bethel College student Emma Beachy, piano, 4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (note change of location).**

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