



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

The First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 Created in the Image of God Shaped by Testing

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Doug Bartel

Prelude to Worship

Marcia Brubaker

*Call to Worship

Doug Bartel

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

**All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving
and worship God.**

*Prayer

*Hymn

We Sing to You, O God

VT 80

Confession

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you.
In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your
love. We hide our failure and guilt, yet we feel their
weight both day and night. Here and now, we
acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our
transgressions. We confess to the Lord . . .
(silence)

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.
Our slate is wiped clean.
We are free to follow Jesus in obedience
and experience love in every test. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

The Love of God

VT 162

Time for God's Children

Deryll Amstutz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Offering Our First Fruits		
Testimony*		Verda Albrecht
Hymn	Beautiful Things	VT 551

LISTENING

Scripture		Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Message	Children Need Boundaries!	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	I Sought the Lord	VT 161
Sharing the Lord's Supper		
Invitation		
Words of Institution		
Coming Forward, Knowing Our Need		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Benediction	The Lord Lift You Up	VT 832
Postlude		Marcia Brubaker

*Guiding questions for today's testimony.

1. Life is full of challenging experiences and testing. Tell us about an experience of testing in your life. How did you handle the testing?
2. What positive effect did this testing have in your life?
3. How does this test shape the way you see Jesus?

Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers

- Continue to pray for those in the hospital.
- Continue to pray for those with cancer diagnoses.

Announcements—remember the concert by the Goshen College Chamber Choir in our sanctuary at 7 pm this evening. Host families will pick up their students after the concert. Thank you to all who are helping with hosting them at our church!

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