



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023
Created in the Image of God
Shaped by new birth

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Sandy Hiebert

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121)

Sandy Hiebert

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—
where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**All: Let us worship our God,
who watches over us now and always.**

*Prayer

*Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VT 419

Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth.
Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt,
walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your
love. We confess to the Lord . . .

(silence)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right,
to give life to the dead,
and to call into existence a people born from above.

**All: Break in by your creating Spirit.
Send forth your fresh wind.
And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

VT 737

Time for God's Children

Jan Amstutz

SHARING

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

LISTENING

Scripture		John 3:1-17
Message	Why Come to Jesus?	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	New Earth, Heavens New	VT 377
Benediction		
Postlude		Shirley Baltzer

**Guiding questions for today's testimony.*

- 1. When someone encounters Jesus, they will not be the same person. Briefly share with the congregation how this transformation happened to you. Why did your encounter with Jesus make such a dramatic difference in your life?*
- 2. Have you ever doubted whether your new birth in Christ is real? Why or why not?*
- 3. As a reborn person, in what way has your worldview been transformed in relation to such things as wealth, success, family, and so forth?*

Announcements:

- ❖ **Comforter Blitz** – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- ❖ **Anabaptist 500 Class** – Starts Wed at 7pm with Doug Miller
- ❖ **Next Sunday-** Special offering for MSM, Core, Care Portal; Nadine Friesen will preach the sermon.

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