



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023**  
**Created in the Image of God**  
**Shaped through thirst**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome, Announcements

Nadine Friesen

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95:6-7)

Nadine Friesen

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

**People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;**

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

**People: we are the people of God's pasture,**

**All: we are the flock under God's care.**

\*Prayer

\*Hymn For You, O God, My Soul

VT 41

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life.  
And yet we have drunk deeply of resentment;  
we have savored self-centeredness.  
We confess to the Lord . . .

*(silence)*

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

**All: Give us this living water  
so we may never thirst again. Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance

All Who Are Thirsty

VT 49

Time for God's Children

Aleen Ratzlaff

## SHARING

Sharing and Prayer  
Offering Our First Fruits  
Testimony\*  
Hymn

Beautiful Things

Pastor Tom  
Shirley Baltzer  
Glen Diener  
VT 551

## LISTENING

Scripture  
Message

Stages of Thirst, Stages of Faith

John 4:5-42  
Pastor Tom

## RESPONDING

Hymn  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

O let all who thirst  
The Lord Lift You Up

HWB 495  
VT 832

\*Guiding questions for today's testimony:

1. I know that you have a story about your longing for God. Could you tell us a bit about it?
2. How did your spiritual thirst come to be satisfied? How much was a result of your hard work, and how much was because of God's providence?
3. How do you experience Jesus daily as your living water?

### Among Our Friends and In Our Prayers:

- **Lois Groening's memorial service** - Wednesday, March 22 @ 11am. Light meal to follow.
- **Glen Goertz** is living at The Center at Waterfront for rehab. Send cards to: 10611 East Mosaic St., Wichita, 67206
- **Sue Buchholz** arrives home tonight and will be back in the office this week at the usual hours.

### Announcements:

- **Bible Study for Anabaptist 500** - Wed. 7pm, on Matt. 26:69-27:10
- **Next Sunday:** SNC singing. Bring side & dessert to share for lunch.
- **April 2:** "Faspa" Fellowship - 4pm
- **Holy Week:**
  - Maundy Thursday Worship - 7pm
  - Sunrise Service @ Hiebert's - 6:30am
  - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall - 9am
  - Easter Worship Celebration - 10:30am