



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2023 Created in the Image of God Called to the light

### GATHERING

Gathering Music Marcia Brubaker  
Welcome, Announcements Kelly Linnens  
Prelude to Worship Praise Ye the Lord arr. Jack Schrader  
*Spirit 'N Celebration, Lynn Just, Director*  
\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23) Kelly Linnens  
Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.  
**People: We shall not want.**  
Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.  
**People: We shall not want.**  
Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.  
**People: We shall not want.**  
**All: *Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of your presence.***

\*Prayer

\*Hymn Gentle Shepherd VT 718

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness,  
and we walk in deep shadows.  
We have driven back justice.  
Truth has stumbled in the streets,  
and thick darkness is over the people.  
We confess our sinful deeds.  
We confess to the Lord . . .  
*(silence)*

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible,  
we walk from darkness into light.

**All: *Open our eyes, Jesus,  
that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.***

Hymn of Assurance  
Time for God's Children

Longing for Light

VT 715  
Deryll Amstutz

### SHARING

Sharing and Prayer  
Testimony\*

Pastor Tom  
Sue Buchholz

Hymn  
Anthem

Beautiful Things  
O Mighty Warrior  
*Spirit 'N Celebration, Lynn Just, Director*

VT 551  
arr. Dennis Allen

### LISTENING

Scripture  
Message

Light to See

John 9:1-41  
Pastor Tom

### RESPONDING

Special Music

John 9  
*Tom Harder, guitar and vocal*

Patty Shelly

\*Sending  
Benediction

Shut de Do  
*Spirit 'N Celebration, Lynn Just, Director*

arr. Mark Hayes

Postlude

Marcia Brubaker

\*Guiding questions for today's testimony:

1. You once lived in darkness, so to speak, and knew no direction in your life. Please share with us what that was like for you.
2. It is said that an encounter with Jesus brings light into the soul. Could you tell us some of the ways that Jesus opened your eyes to help you find your future?
3. How do you now seek God's guidance in everyday situations?

### Prayers and Announcements:

- Welcome SNC! Everyone is invited to stay for lunch!
- Remember families in prayer as they grieve.
- April 2: "Faspa fellowship" at 4pm
- Holy Week: Sunrise Service, Breakfast and Worship. Details in the e-news.

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