



## MENTOR RECOGNITION

Ashton Wells and Sarah Neher

Congregational Response: *We are thankful for these young people, their parents, and their mentors. We pray that as a congregation, we continue to be a place for our youth to be deeply rooted and grow in ever unfolding ways. We promise to support and pray for these mentoring relationships. May God bless each of you as you continue to grow together.*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-48

You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## SERMON

*How to out-virtue a pharisee*

Fred Heeran

## HYMN (see back of bulletin)

*Gentle God, when we are driven*

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING CONCERNS

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Choral Prayer

*No More a Stranger or a Guest*  
Jesse Graber, violin

arr. White

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERING

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.*



*Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Rainbow Room), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

### \*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.*

### \*HYMN #68 SJ

*O hear, my people*

### \*POSTLUDE

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.*

*Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.*

*As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.*

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# Gentle God, when we are driven

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1 Gen - tle God, when we are driv - en past the  
 2 Gen - tle Spir - it, when our rea - son clouds in  
 3 In the mir - ror of earth's mad - ness let us  
 4 Let our strength be in for - giv - ing as for -

lim - its of our love, when our hurt would have a  
 an - ger, twists in fear, when we strike in - stead of  
 see our rav - aged face, in the tur - moil of all  
 giv - en we must be, one to one in cost - ly

weap - on and the hawk de - stroy the dove, at the  
 strok - ing, when we bruise and sting and smear, cool our  
 peo - ple let com - pas - sion find a place, touch our  
 lov - ing, find - ing trust and grow - ing free, gen - tle

cost of seem - ing weak, help us turn the oth - er cheek.  
 burn - ing, take our pain, bring us to our - selves a - gain.  
 hearts to make a - mends, see our en - e - mies as friends.  
 God, be our re - lease, gen - tle Spir - it, teach us peace.

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