

Rooted & Grounded Lent 2017

Clearing. Digging. Planting. Watering. Thriving.

MARCH 5, 2017

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

Carol Buller, organist

Carmen Shelly

What is this place

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PRAYER

*HYMN #1

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder and Jesse Graber As we sing this Garden Song, children will walk around the sanctuary collecting coins for Mennonite Central Committee. Let's make our coins count!

Refrain:

Inch by inch, row by row Gonna make this garden grow Gonna mulch it deep and low Gonna make it fertile ground Inch by inch, row by row Please bless these seeds I sow Please keep them safe below Till the rain comes tumbling down

Pulling weeds and picking stones We are made of dreams and bones Need a place to call my own Cause the time is close at hand Grain for grain, sun and rain Find my way in nature's chain Tune my body and my brain To the music of the land (refrain)

Plant your rows straight and long, Season with a prayer and song Mother earth will keep you strong if you give her love and care Old crow watching from a tree He's got his hungry eye on me In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there (refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11

Original insecurity

SERMON

ANTHEM

SHARING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Prayer

Christ's food in our souls, *our food shared*. Christ's life in our hands, *our lives shaped*. Christ's love in our hearts, *our love warmed*. Christ's peace on our path, *our path following*.

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

*Hymn of Response #493

I heard the voice of Jesus say

COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register 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 at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN SS #59

From ashes to the living fount



Children in $K - 5^{th}$ grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

- One: God, who called all life into being, the earth, sea, and sky are yours.
- All: Your presence is all around us; every atom is full of your energy.
- One: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;
- All: with her we yearn for justice to be done, for creation to be freed from bondage, for the hungry to be fed, for captives to be released, for your kingdom of peace to come on earth! Amen. **

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

**Sing the Journey #133

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