

Gathered by God...

Prelude *Christus, der uns selig macht* JS Bach
 Welcome and Announcements
 Interlude
 * Call to Worship
 * Opening Prayer
 * Hymn *Come, thou Almighty King* HWB 41

To hear God's call to the church...

Scripture Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

 Children's Time
 Hymn *Come, we that love the Lord* HWB 14
 Offering Prayer
 Offertory *Communion* Charles Tournemire
 Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 Sermon Gifts of love

With prayer...

* Hymn *Lord, you give the great commission (v.1, 3, 4)* STJ 63
 * Confession of Faith Nicene Creed
 Prayer for the Church Universal
 Hymn *We are the body of Christ (refrain)* STJ 64
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the People
 Blessing of our Gifts

And rejoicing, we go forth!

* Hymn *The church's one foundation* HWB 311
 * Benediction
 Postlude *The Heavens Declare* Bendetto Marcello
Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated for the postlude.

**All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*

*Hymnals used in worship: HWB – Hymnal a Worship Book (blue)
 STJ – Sing the Journey (green)
 STS – Sing the Story (purple)*

Worship Leader: Frtiz Sprunger Organ: Ryan Croyle
 Children's Time: Matthew Croyle
 Scripture Reader: Ellen Sprunger
 Prayer for the Church Universal: Darren Newcomer, read by Lydia Newcomer

Welcome to worship this morning as we explore together what it means to be church, specifically a part of the worldwide church. The communion

goblets up front come from three different countries: Botswana, Pakistan, USA.

A carry in will follow the worship service on **January 31st**, followed by the **annual meeting**. Please bring a covered dish to share, and salad or dessert and your own tableware. Drinks will be provided.

Corinthian Plan Giving: The Corinthian Plan is a new health coverage plan arranged for by Mennonite Church USA that our church is participating in this year. The plan includes a mutual aid component which will allow all MC USA congregations to provide health coverage for their pastors and workers. Our commitment to this portion of the plan is \$10 per attendee. We see this as an outreach mission of our congregation and will have a special offering during worship on **January 24** to collect and bless our contribution.

Mennonite Mutual Aid will be here on **January 31**. They will lead us in worship and offer two Sunday School classes: *Making wishes known: End of life planning* and *Managing money to honor God*.

Bethel Mennonite Church of Rittman invites you to an **evening of music**, Sunday, January 31 at 7:00pm at Bethel. Musica Felice with Amy Glick will be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #4 along with dance music by baroque composer Pez, followed by a hymn sing and reception. Free will offering will benefit the Crown Hill food pantry.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is responding to the earthquake that struck **Haiti** January 12, the largest in more than 200 years. MCC's response will be at least \$1 million U.S. or \$1.03 million Cdn. and will provide immediate shelter, food and emergency supplies and trauma healing and other long-term recovery needs. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. Give online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by check to the MCC office nearest you, or by phone toll free: 1-888-563-4676 (U.S.).

Visioning Day February 13 8:15-4:30. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.

GREETERS Today: John & Gene Althaus
 Next Sunday: Lowell Nofziger
USHER for JANUARY
 Lois Chamberlin

To be the church we would like to be, we need to offer \$6,680 a month. We have received \$2,500 so far this month.

THIS WEEK, January 18-24:

Thursday: Noon deadline for bulletin announcements
please email announcements to Rachel

Friday: Noon deadline for February calendar items

Sunday: 9:30 am **Sunday School** for all ages
Elementary School Class: *Jesus*
Intergenerational: *The New Testament*
Pathfinders Class: *Prayer: Does it make any difference?*
10:45am **Worship – Being Church: Mennonite Church**
Scripture text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

8 Ways to Easily be Missional

Missional is not an event we tack onto our already busy lives. It is our life. Mission should be the way we live, not something we add onto life. ... We can be missional in everyday ways without even overloading our schedules. Here are a few suggestions:

Walk, Don't Drive. If you live in a walkable area, make a practice of getting out and walking around your neighborhood, apartment complex, or campus. Instead of driving to the mailbox, convenience store, or apartment office, walk to get mail, groceries, and stuff. Be deliberate in your walk. Say hello to people you don't know. Strike up conversations. Make friends. Get out of your house. Take interest in your neighbors. Ask questions. Engage. Pray as you go. *Save some gas, the planet.*

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Being Church

*The church
universal*

*“Revealing the mystery of God”
Eph. 3:1-11*