

Gathered by God...

- Prelude *O Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig* JS Bach
 Welcome and Announcements
 Interlude
 * Call to Worship
 * Opening Prayer
 * Hymn *We sing to you, O God* STJ 1

To hold on to God's Word...

- Affirmation of Faith Psalm 27:1-5,10,14 (R. Alter translator)
 Children's Time
 Hymn *The care the eagle gives her young* HWB 590
 Scripture Reading Gen. 15:1-2,12-15,17-18; Luke 13:31-35
 Reader's Theater
 Sermon

Letting go...

- * Hymn *Like a mother who has borne us* STJ 91
 Prayer of Confession
 Hymn *God fill me now (v. 3&4, English)* STS 63
 Offering Prayer
 Offertory *3rd Var. from the Sixth Organ Sonata* Mendelssohn
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the People

We follow Jesus to the cross

- * Hymn *My hope is built on nothing less* HWB 343
 * Benediction
 Postlude *Fugue in G minor* JS Bach
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: Ellen Sprunger Preacher: Rachel Siemens
 Organ: Ryan Croyle Children's Time: Darren Newcomer
 Reader's Theater: Barb & Jerry Newcomer, Ellen & Fritz Sprunger
 Bulletin Cover: Sharon Stutzman Hartzler

The March-April copies of **The Upper Room Daily Devotionals** are now available on the Welcome Table. (*Suggested donation of \$1.00 per copy.*)

Enjoy an afternoon of chamber music featuring members of the *Wadsworth Community Band Wind Ensemble* with guest soloist, Daniel Doty, on Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm. Trinity UCC, 215 High St.

Bethel Mennonite Church would like to invite the First Mennonite congregation to a **special presentation on March 11 at 7pm** (at Bethel). **Kudzayi Nyakura** is visiting the U.S. from Zimbabwe through MCC and is working at MCC Connections in Kidron. She will share about life and God's working in Zimbabwe. In addition, Marlin Yoder of MCC will give a brief update on relief efforts in Haiti. Refreshments will follow. Please join us!

Welcome to worship this second Sunday of Lent. May you encounter God's everlasting love during this time of worship.

GREETERS Today: Norma Rohrer

Next Sunday: Barb Newcomer

USHERS for FEBRUARY

Barb Newcomer and Jan Althaus

USHER for MARCH

Lucie Nofziger

To be the church we would like to be, we need to offer \$6,680 a month.
We have received \$5,706 so far this month, plus \$40 for The Corinthian
Plan and \$155 for Loaves & Fishes.

THIS WEEK, March 1-7:

Wednesday: 3:15 pm Deacons meeting
7:00 pm Lenten Prayers in parlor *note time change*

Thursday: 9:30 am Mennonite Women
Noon deadline for bulletin announcements
please email announcements to Rachel

Sunday: 9:30 am **Sunday School** for all ages
Elementary School Class: *Jesus*
Intergenerational Class: *Prayer: Praying for Others*
Pathfinders Class: *Prayer: Does it make any difference?*
10:45am **Worship Lent 3: Holding on and Letting go!**
Scripture texts: Isa. 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

*Our mission is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through
worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.*

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Normal Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – noon

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
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