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Disturbing divine behavior

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

July 2, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Preludes

“We Cry to Thee” ~ *F. Mendelssohn*

“Moment of Truth” ~ *Esther Megargel*

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”

~ *arr. Todd Kendall*

We Gather

Opening Song

Step by step

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise

Great is the Lord

#87

You're worthy of my praise

Peace be with you!

We Hear God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 10:40-42

Offering

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”

~ *Gerald Peterson*

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-19

Message

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Pastor Michael

We Respond

Song

If you but trust in God

#576

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song

May God grant you a blessing

#422

Benediction

Postlude

“Be still, My Soul” ~ *arr. James Pethel*

This Sunday

Worship Leader:

Don Jacobs

Greeter:

Jan & Denny Wieand

Organist:

Joan Hallman

Musicians:

Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush

Videographer:

Mark Kemmerer

Visual Technicians:

Marsha High, Emily Rush

Sound Technicians:

Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

Sunday School Classes for Spring Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 8:45 am. We are studying Revelation (finally!). Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

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Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Katie Mood

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, Joan Hallman

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) and Korea Peacebuilding Institute, and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI's communications coordinator.



Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

July 2, 2023

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

July 4	Church offices closed
July 4, 8 am	NO Knotting & Quilting
July 9, 10:30 am	Guest preacher, Charlene Smalls
July 11, 8 am	Knotting

Prayer for a National Occasion

Some trust in governments and some in borders,
but we trust in God, who invites all people to live in peace.
For the earth belongs to God, and all creation is in God's care:
land and waters, plants and animals, sky and soil
declare the hospitality of God.
The world belongs to God, and all who live in it.
We belong to one another as siblings, all of us children of God.

With gratitude for the home God has made for us on this planet we pray:

Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve
to strive for communities
where foreigners become neighbors
and strangers become friends.

Revive our desire for the reign of Christ,
who releases prisoners and liberates the oppressed,
who frees the world from greed
and proclaims God's peace.

Make justice roll down like a river
and righteousness flow like an everlasting stream. Amen.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

NO Knotting this Tuesday: The knotters are taking a much deserved break on July 4. Join them on July 11—or any other summer Tuesday to knot comforters.

Guest Speaker, July 9: While Pastor Michael is at the MCUSA Delegate Assembly in Kansas City, Pastor Charlene Smalls from Ripple Church will deliver our morning message.

A need for batting! Two comforters are on display in the fellowship hall and are available to purchase with a donation to help buy batting for the Comforter Project. A minimum donation of \$58 is recommended (that's one roll of batting). Not the right colors for you? Tell us what colors you like and they'll save a comforter for you. Contact the church secretary if interested.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mennonite Church USA biennial convention** in Kansas City, MO on July 3-6, followed by delegate sessions on July 7-8. Pray for God's Spirit to be made known, for healthy conversations, and for the work and worship of God's people to be pleasing to God.

Are you gifted in hospitality, administration and supervisory skills? Does greeting and welcoming new people energize you? Consider joining the Spruce Lake Ministries leadership team at their Pinebrook location. For details and to apply, go to pinebrook.org/about/employment, or to learn more, contact the HR Office at 800-806-5501 x 332.

Church Office Hours

The church offices will be closed on July 4.

Pastor Michael will only be in the office Wednesday this week. He is taking Monday off, then leaving for Kansas City on Thursday, returning Sunday evening. In case of a pastoral care emergency while he is away, contact Nancy Jacobs (215-527-6423).
Lynne: Monday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30.