

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

March 8, 2020

Sunday Morning Worship

9:10 AM

Jo Ann Brunner, Worship Leader

David Brunner, Song Leader

Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Words for Worship

Psalm 121:1-8

Centering Silence

Hymn

Peace before us

#16 (STS)

Confession

(bulletin cover/unison)

Assurance of Pardon

(bulletin cover)

Hymn

#111 (STS)

For me to live is Christ

Hymn

#117 (HWB)

Fairest Lord Jesus

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-8

John 3:1-18

Sermon

Rethinking Scripture Through the Prism of Culture

Hymn

#403 (HWB)

The church of Christ, in every age

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn

#353 (HWB)

Lord, listen to your children

The Prayers of the People

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

(Monthly Giving – Hygiene Relief Kit)

The Offering Hymn

#123 (STS)

Let us talents and tongues employ

(vs. 1)

The Offering Prayer

Hymn

#405 (HWB)

Where cross the crowded ways

BLESSING AND SENDING

Benediction

Doxology

#119 (HWB)

Praise God from whom

The Rochester Mennonite Church is a congregation that welcomes people to join our community of faith so that they may grow in their personal understanding and relationship with God. Members and guests are appreciatively welcomed to this service of worship.

Announcements

If you have announcements to be included in the bulletin, please get them to Galen, preferably with the exact wording you wish to use, not later than Thursday morning. Also please indicate how long you wish to have the announcements included in the bulletin.

The sign-up sheet for being a worship leader or song leader for the next several months is available. Please sign up as you feel led.

The Church Council will meet on March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

We will be serving a meal for our friends at the Jeremiah Program on March 24. Please plan to arrive by 4:45 p.m. It is estimated that 30 adults and 25 children will be eating.

Thinking about seminary? Strengthen your leadership skills and prepare for future ministry and service through one of AMBS's academic programs. Our scholarships and need-based financial aid can help make your education affordable. Ministry scholarship applications are due April 1. Apply today!

Take an Intensive Term course at AMBS! Hybrid and campus options beginning in May and June include History of Christian Spirituality; Religion and Peace Processes; Biblical Storytelling; and Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence. Nonadmitted students get 50 percent off their first course for credit! See our audit options for campus courses.

Pray for IBA Study Center at Encuentro de Renovacion Mennonite Church in Miami, Florida, and its tutors: Teresa Pérez-Soto and Andres Mendoza. Pray that their studies be a personal blessing and that God's wisdom and patience be with the tutors as they teach this group of students. May this leadership training ministry in their church be a blessing for the congregation and community.

Please pray for the Allegheny Mennonite Conference: Spring Faith and Life Gathering and the Ohio Conference annual meeting taking place this Saturday.

What makes an **Anabaptist Mennonite education** unique – and how does it impact the future of our congregations and communities? More than 350 educators gathered to address these questions at the recent **2020 Mennonite Educators Conference** in Virginia.

The Lancaster Mennonite High Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners be blessed in each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to the different locations.

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(The Rochester Mennonite Church meets in the chapel of Christ United Methodist Church, located at 5th Avenue and 4th Street SW. The chapel is located in the northeast corner of the building.)

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