

Epiphany 3: Worship and Spirituality

January 21, 2018

Today's worship is structured around **Head Spirituality**. Head Spirituality describes people who want to know God intellectually. Their images of God and the ways in which they speak of their faith are highly affected by words—by preaching (a good sermon is essential), and by carefully chosen hymn texts. They want to be challenged with phrases from hymns or a sermon they can mull over during the week. Good worship is ordered, sticks to the plan, and moves the worshiper through the service with no distractions or disruptions. People with head spirituality prefer sharing time to be orderly and to the point, without drawn out “mini sermons” or controversy. They do not like sharing time to “overtake” the rest of the service or make it run long. They appreciate the choir's anthem offered on their behalf. They participate best in an order of worship that they know deeply and that is essentially the same week to week.

GATHERING

Chelsea Tatum

Call to Worship

Leader: Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forever.

**All: For God has anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power,**

Leader: to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim freedom for the captives,

**All: to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

Leader: At Jesus' baptism, God confirmed,
“This is my Son, whom I love;
with whom I am well pleased.”

**All: Let us praise God
that Jesus was baptized
to fulfill all righteousness,
that we are buried with Christ in baptism,
that we will be united with Christ
in resurrection. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Melissa Beitler, Songleader

Blue #37

Music for Meditation:

Ancient Words (arr. Hayes)

*Holy words, long preserved
for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart.*

*Words of life, words of hope
give us strength; help us cope
In this world, where-e're we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.*

*Ancient words, ever true
changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith,
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ.*

*Holy words, long preserved
for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart.*

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (p. 753); Psalm 62: 5-12 (p. 458);
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 (p. 930); Mark 1: 14-20 (p. 812)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hillary Watson

“Repent: Change Your Hearts and Lives”

Helpless and Hungry and What Child Is This

Purple #26/Blue #215

Confession of Sin

Leader: God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.

**All: We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle,
and for commitment to each other’s growth.**

Leader: We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.

**All: Yet we confess that we are often anxious;
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.**

Leader: We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.

**All: Look upon us with kindness and grace.
rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering: *God Be in My Head* (Rutter)

Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Announcements

SENDING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Blue #582

Affirmation of Our Faith

Blue #713

Benediction

This Week’s Activities

Today	Nursery: Carmen Martinez, Cherith & Phoebe Lundin; Pam Eiten, Paul Reimer	10:00 AM 11:15 AM
	Adult Classes	11:30 AM
	• <i>Worship Response</i> (Sanctuary)	
	• <i>Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ</i> (Conference Room)	
	Young Adult Lunch	12:30 PM
Mon	Pastoral Search Committee	6:30 PM
Tue	IMC Church Life Team Meeting	10:00 AM
	Lunch Bunch at Maxfields	12:00 PM
Wed	WOW Bible Study	9:30 AM

Announcements

- Next week, our worship will be structured around **Heart Spirituality**. People with Heart Spirituality gauge the authenticity of worship by the way the experience feels to them. In their prayer language, they prefer personal names for God and concrete, tangible phrases: “Father,” “Friend,” “my personal Savior.” The people of heart spirituality want a sermon that inspires, transforms, “convicts and converts.” They want, in the words of Doris Aker’s hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit,” to “have been revived when we shall leave this place.” Those with Heart Spirituality appreciate how sharing time allows for any participant to share whatever is on their heart. Time and the order of worship are not the point. While signing the hymn stanzas in sequence is important, it is imperative that there be freedom to repeat a refrain or to continue the music under the words of a prayer. There is stronger attention to the immediate movement of the Spirit than to the order of service on the page.
- **Venture Clubbers** are invited to join the MYF class in the Fireplace Room today. (Venture Club teachers and some Venture Clubbers will return from the Menno Haven winter retreat by the end of Sunday school).
- If you plan to attend the **Justice Group’s 1st Anniversary Lunch** next Sunday, please respond to the evite or email Carlen S. We need to have a rough number to order enough food for everyone. Thanks!—Carlen S. and Laura L.

- Mentors and mentees, you are invited to the annual **mentor/mentee breakfast** next Sunday, Jan 28, at 8:30 AM. Please let Melodie G. know if you are able to attend. If your mentor or mentee cannot come, you are welcome anyway! We always have a good time.
- Cherith L. will be giving a special talk about her new show, ***How the Light Gets In***, this Friday at 10 AM at Wheaton College's Adams Hall. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool, let Jan know.
- All are warmly invited to hear **Karin and Mark Edwards** (Redekopp & Edwards), performing a duo-piano recital on Friday, February 2, at 7:30 PM at Wheaton College (Pierce Chapel). Works by Beethoven, Reger, Benjamin, Hovhaness, Bartok, and Infante will be included. Admission is free to students and Wheaton College ID holders. Tickets cost \$10 for general audience and \$5 for seniors over 60. Would love to see you there!
- **Bistro** is right around the corner! The MYF need a few adult volunteers to assist with this annual four-course meal. We need adults to help decorate on Saturday afternoon (12:30-3:30 PM). We're also looking for a coffee expert to be our barista during the event. Talk to Pastor Hillary if you're interested. And stay tuned for info about reservations.
- The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** meets on a periodic basis with each of the pastors. It functions as a support group for the pastors and as a link between them and the congregation. The next meeting with Don, Jan, and Hillary will take place on February 3. If you have suggestions, concerns, or positive feedback about our pastors that you'd like addressed at the meeting, please email sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org, or contact any of the PCRC members: Caroline S., Tim K., Doug K., and Deborah W.
- This year, the **delegate session of Illinois Mennonite Conference** will be held on Saturday, February 17 at Metamora Mennonite Church. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Cynthia, Jeff or Don. The agenda will involve budget and leadership considerations as well as an extended discussion of the future direction of the conference.
- Worship Commission is looking for more adults and teens to **lead Children's Time** during worship. Share a song, tell a story, or act out a Bible passage with the littlest members of our church. There are tips to guide you and you can co-lead with someone to test if this is your passion. Talk to Pastor Hillary if you're interested.
- **Mennonite Disaster Service IL** will begin work in Ottawa and Naplate, IL the first week of February. Volunteers are needed! This project is flexible—volunteers can help a day or two, or a week or more—and local. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- This summer, the **MYF** are looking for enthusiastic and spiritually mature adults to accompany their summer trip. Could it be you? Talk to Hillary if you are interested; dates are not yet scheduled and are still flexible.