

Epiphany 6: Worship and Spirituality

February 11, 2018

Our worship today is structured around Kingdom Spirituality.

People of Kingdom Spirituality are the “doers.” Their work is their prayer. Worship strengthens and prepares them in concrete ways for the task of ministering in and to the world. They have a vision of justice and direct their energy toward bringing about God’s reign in the world. They remind us to pray for the world, to consider the poor, and to work for justice. Announcements in worship should lift up opportunities for missions and service that makes a difference in the community. People of this spiritual type appreciate how sharing allows the community/congregation to hear one another. They appreciate responses to the sermon—as long as the responses do not become a sermon. They connect best when people share prayer requests that stem from living out God’s work in their lives.

GATHERING

Welcome and Opening Prayer Shawn Rodriguez

Beauty for Brokenness Purple #115
My Soul Cries Out Purple #124
Pam Eiten, Songleader

Offering

COMMISSIONING

Here I Am, Lord Blue #395

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to build his Kingdom
in our community and in our world.
When we see those suffering violence
and oppression,

People: Lord, lead us to do the work of your Kingdom.

Leader: When we see those in need of food and drink,

People: Lord, lead us to do the work of your Kingdom.

Leader: When we see those in need of comfort and care,

People: Lord, lead us to do the work of your Kingdom.

Leader: When we see those who have come to us
from far away,

People: Lord, lead us to do the work of your Kingdom.

Leader: Let us remember the words of Christ, who said
“I was hungry, and you gave me food,
I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink,
I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.
I was sick or in prison, and you visited me.”

**People: When, Lord, did we see you,
and do these things?**

Leader: “Truly, as you did it to one of the least of these,
you did it to me.”

**People: When we cared for the least of these,
we welcomed you, Christ Jesus, in our midst!**

Sending Prayer

SERVICE

Please join us for one of our two Kingdom-work activities this morning:

- Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, we will be packing hygiene kits for Mennonite Central Committee to distribute in refugee camps.
- At Adam’s Park in Wheaton, IL, we will be co-hosting a “Welcome the Stranger” vigil with Immigrant Solidarity DuPage. The vigil begins at 11 AM. Late arrivals and those of all ages are welcome. (In case of inclement weather, the vigil will be held across the street in Gary United Methodist’s Burning Bush Gallery.)

This Week’s Activities

Today	Nursery: Oliver Bulley, Stephanie Eby Jeremy Steelberg, Valerie Kropf	10:00 AM
Tue	Lunch Bunch at Maxfields Pastoral Care	12:00 PM 7:30 PM
Wed	WOW Bible Study Ash Wednesday Service	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
Thu	Worship Commission	7:00 PM
Sat	IMC Business Session in Metamora “A Concert for Hope and Grace”	9:00 AM 7:00 PM

Announcements

- Plan to join us for **Ash Wednesday worship** at 7:00 PM this Wednesday. Through song, scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes, we will enter into reflection and confession as we acknowledge our dependence on the God who sustains our lives.
- All are welcome at a “**A Concert for Hope and Grace**” this Saturday (Feb 17), at 7 PM. Donations to this benefit concert will help cover the costs associated with bringing a *Listening for Grace* production to LMC.
- **Young adults**, save the date for an Olympic watching event on Saturday, February 24, at 5:30 PM at Kirk H.’s house. Please bring snacks or something to drink.
- We’ll hold a potluck and **congregational meeting** in two weeks, on Sunday, February 25. The agenda went out in the Friday e-news.
- Would you like to **connect with some amazing young people** at LMC? Here’s your chance: we need a second teacher to help with the 3rd-5th grade class, from the beginning of March until the end of May. Contact Melissa Miller if you’re interested.

Welcome to Lombard Mennonite Church

We are glad you could worship with us today. More information about our congregation is available in the narthex.

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Would you like to share a joy or concern about the pastors with the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee? We now have a confidential email for this purpose: sharingwithPCRC@lombardmennonite.org. We welcome your feedback!

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