

SPRINGS MENNONITE CHURCH

March 7, 2021

10:30 AM

FM 87.9

Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to worship -Adapted from Psalm 19-

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

MANY: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech... yet the voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

MANY: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun... Its rising is from the end of the heavens, its circuit to the end of them; nothing is hid from its heat.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect... sure... clear... true and righteous. The fear of the Lord is pure.

MANY: God, clear us from hidden faults; teach us to trust You.

ALL: Let the words and meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Opening song – HWB #648 -Morning has broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

MANY: Deep calls to deep. We call to You from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have settled into sameness, forgetting the rhythms of the heavens, ignoring the rhythms of justice. We confess when we have not looked up into the eyes of a neighbor, into your Word that still lives. (Silence... think of forces that keep us from deep wisdom.) Deep calls to deep. You call us from the depth of your love.

MANY: Calling us to deep wisdom. We come to You, God.

Offertory prayer

Children's video

Sharing of joys and concerns

Scripture -- Matthew 5-7

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Message – Called to Wisdom

Visual song of response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1Lu5udXEZI>

Benediction

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGPM2eO5QJM>

**We invite you to fellowship together in the parking lot.*

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Springs Mennonite Church is Handicap Accessible

A restroom and elevator are available on the main floor. There is also a restroom located downstairs in the basement. There are also large print song books and hearing devices; please ask an usher for assistance with these items.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located at the back of the church near the elevator.

February 28 , 2021 Totals

W.S. Attendance	72
General Offering	\$5,554.00

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A vertical painting of a sunset or sunrise over a landscape with trees. The sky is filled with warm, golden, and blue tones, with soft clouds. The trees in the foreground are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

Deep in the Changing Sky

Called to Deep Wisdom

The
FEAR
-OF-
The **LORD**
-IS THE BEGINNING OF-
WISDOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 7- Karin Miller

March 10- Hunter Wright

The Springs Drive-In is open again. Come and enjoy the showing of *Jesus*, from Sight and Sound. Witness the most miraculous events in history.

Saturday, March 27th (rain date will be April 10th)

Show time is around 7:30, and of course the snack shack will be open.

We need help setting up, tearing down, and with the snack shack. Please let Jeff Pattison know if you can help in any way.

Stay tuned for future drive-in dates and feature films.

I am so appreciative of all the wonderful baby items. This will help us more than words can explain. Thank you all so very very much!

-Amanda Housel

Thank you to our wonderful church family from the family of Phyllis Beachy for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy.

Springs Mennonite Church Vision Statement

We, the Springs congregation, have been changed by Jesus Christ. Saved by His love and forgiveness, we are empowered to carry forth His ministry through obedience, teaching, service, and healing. Reaching out to all people, by faith we journey together praying, worshiping, and making disciples. By our living in the Spirit, we reflect His love, joy, hope, and peace.

The following excerpt is from the Mennonite Mission Network's newsletter from March 2021. This is part of Naomi Tice's update. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers.

"Now, in Germany, my primary goals for this year are to improve my German skills, get to know my co-workers and housemates, and find ways to connect with the local community. I'm currently doing language study online, but soon, I hope to begin in-person classes, when Germany's hard lockdown ends. Religious services can take place still, if proper health and hygiene practices are followed, but communal singing is banned. Previously, communal singing was allowed with masks, and I was asked to play flute several times for the Mennonite church here in Bammental (*Mennoniten Gemeinde Bammental*) on Sundays when we met in person. [This is the church where Sophie Lapp Jost pastors.] I was also asked to play flute for several mid-week ecumenical prayer services. Since church has switched to meeting entirely on Zoom, I have returned to worshipping online with Potters Bar Baptist Church in the United Kingdom. Online church is hard enough to follow in English!"

Love your
enemies.

DISCUSSION AND IDEAS NEEDED ABOUT OUTDOOR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

(Please share your thoughts with Jerry, Paul or John)

Problem:

- 1) We can't count on having 18/19 Sundays of sunshine again this year.
- 2) Our "stage" area was quickly constructed and worked well but was only meant to be temporary.
- 3) The stage area was not large enough for all the people, the audio equipment, and instruments to fit.
- 4) It didn't have a "roof" of any kind.

Other Issues with the Existing Outside Structure:

- 1) The retaining wall on the ramp going down into the gym is bulging out and needs to be replaced.
- 2) The roof and wall over the ramp is showing wear and was never intended to be a permanent "fix" for the water coming in at the gym door.
- 3) The wall has no place to install electrical and audio connections.

Possible Solutions:

- 1) Remove the existing structure over the ramp.
- 2) Remove the existing tree to the side of the ramp.
- 3) Build a permanent roof and stage in its place.
- 4) The roof could cover the entire area between the gym and the storage room on the sanctuary side or some part of the area.
- 5) Construct a permanent stage in the entire, newly created, covered space.
- 6) Extend the existing ramp all the way to the storage room and then turn and come out to the parking lot.
- 7) In place of the existing wall, build a new retaining wall and then a half-wall to allow for electrical and audio connections.
- 8) Install lights in the new area.

Additional Idea:

During our outside services, we would hold "Children's Church in the Pavilion and use the playground and other facilities over the creek.