

April 30, 2023

“The Atlantic Crossing”

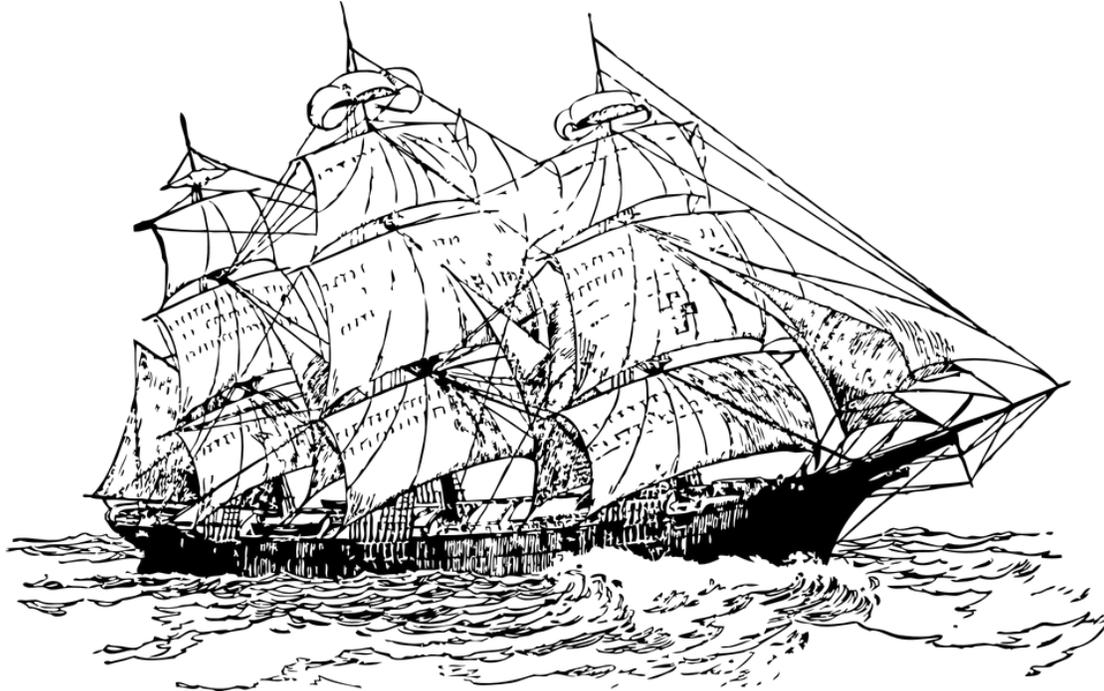
FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Worship: 10:00 AM

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EASTER SEASON 2023: LIVING THE RESURRECTION, FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST!

During Lent we explored some of the things that make us "truly human." The season of Easter began early on the morning of Easter Sunday and it brings forward a new call — to become truly human, face to face with the totally unexpected, simply mind-boggling, and truly life changing power of Christ that now lives within each of us.

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Stan)

Call to Worship: #885 (Steve)

Do not fear, says God.
I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name;
You are mine.
God is doing a new thing;
Now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven! Amen

Congregational Singing (all)

Passing of the Peace: #909

Hear the words of Jesus:
“Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
And do not let them be afraid.”
Now we share a sign of peace with one another.

Opening Prayer: #886 (Steve)

May the Love
Which overcomes all differences,
Which heals all wounds,
Which put to flight all fears,
Which reconciles all who are separated,
Be in us and among us,
Now and always.

“Memories have huge staying power, but like dreams, they thrive in the dark, surviving for decades in the deep waters of our minds like shipwrecks on the sea bed.” — J. G. Ballard

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Romans 5

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.!"



SERMON: "The Atlantic Crossing" (Keith)

Keith will discuss the experience of his ancestors as they journeyed across the Atlantic by ship. They experienced sacrifice, suffering, pleasure, endurance, heartbreak, and romance during that cross – the whole gamut of human emotions.

Those who survived, maintained hope and a belief in a better life where they would be free to worship as they saw fit.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (all)

Response (all)

Joys and Concerns (all)

Offering & Music (Stan)

Sending: #909 (Steve)

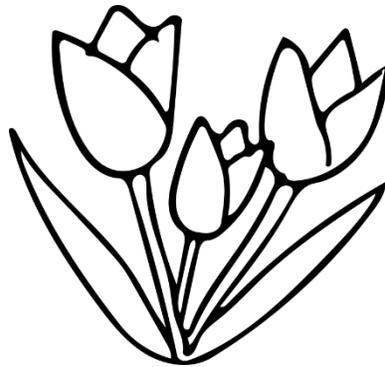
God forgives you.

Forgive others.

Forgive yourself.

(silence)

Be at peace.



"We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if mankind is to survive." — Albert Einstein

"We don't develop courage by being happy every day. We develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity." — Barbara De Angelis

"Nations, like stars, are entitled to eclipse. All is well, provided the light returns and the eclipse does not become endless night. Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul." — Victor Hugo