

August 20, 2023

“Why History is Important”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF PENTACOST

1. GATHERING

“There are two worlds: the world we can measure with line and rule, and the world that we feel with our hearts and imagination.” — Leigh Hunt

“To measure the man, measure his heart.” — Malcom Forbes

Musical Prelude (John)

Call to Worship (Steve)

Opening Prayer (Steve)

Congregational Singing (John & Cathy)

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.



2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Exodus 1:6-14

1: 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. 7 But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. 8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service . . .

"Racism, xenophobia and unfair discrimination have spawned slavery, when human beings have bought and sold and owned and branded fellow human beings as if they were so many beasts of burden."

— Desmond Tutu



SERMON: "Why History Matters!" (Steve)

"Our children deserve nothing less than truth, justice, and the equity our ancestors shed — blood, sweat, and tears . . .

It is imperative that we understand that the horrors of slavery and Jim Crow were a violation of human rights and represent the darkest period in American history."

— Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



"One measure of your success will be the degree to which you build up others who work with you. While building up others, you will build up yourself." — James E. Casey

"It is the greatest good to the greatest number of people which is the measure of right and wrong." — Jeremy Bentham

"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." — Theodore Roosevelt

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." — Socrates

Congregational Singing (Cathy)

Response (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (John)

Sending (Steve)