

July 9, 2023

“Thou Shalt Not Kill”

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

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.” — Dalai Lama

Musical Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship - #851 (Lynette)

Opening Prayer - #863 (Lynette)

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

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.

“What we have still not learned is how to treat our fellow human beings... We have to find a way to coexist without doing harm to one another and that is whether it's in the United States or in the Middle East or in the African continent or in Asia or anywhere on the planet.”

— Martin Luther King III

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

"Growth and comfort do not coexist." — Ginni Rometty

Scripture: Exodus 20:12-15, Luke 6:27-31

Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

Luke 6:27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.



SERMON: "Thou Shalt Not Kill" (Keith)

Today Keith's ancestry lesson will focus on the first Amish settlement in America, as seen through the eyes of the Hochstetler family from their origins in Switzerland through their settling in Northkill on the PA frontier. Even under Indian attack, Father Hochstetler told his sons to put down their hunting rifles quoting the 6th Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill!"

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Response (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (Geoff)

Sending - #1022 (Lynette)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with wounded heart, open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you see,

And may everyone you meet, see the face of Christ in you.

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other." — Audrey Hepburn

"In these times, in this harsh, rude, warring world that we live in, where most of the bloodshed is 'My god is greater than your god,' and we're fighting in the name of our god, we have to find a way to peaceably coexist, spiritually." — Vera Farmiga