

October 30, 2022

*“William Penn, Quakers, and Religious Toleration”*

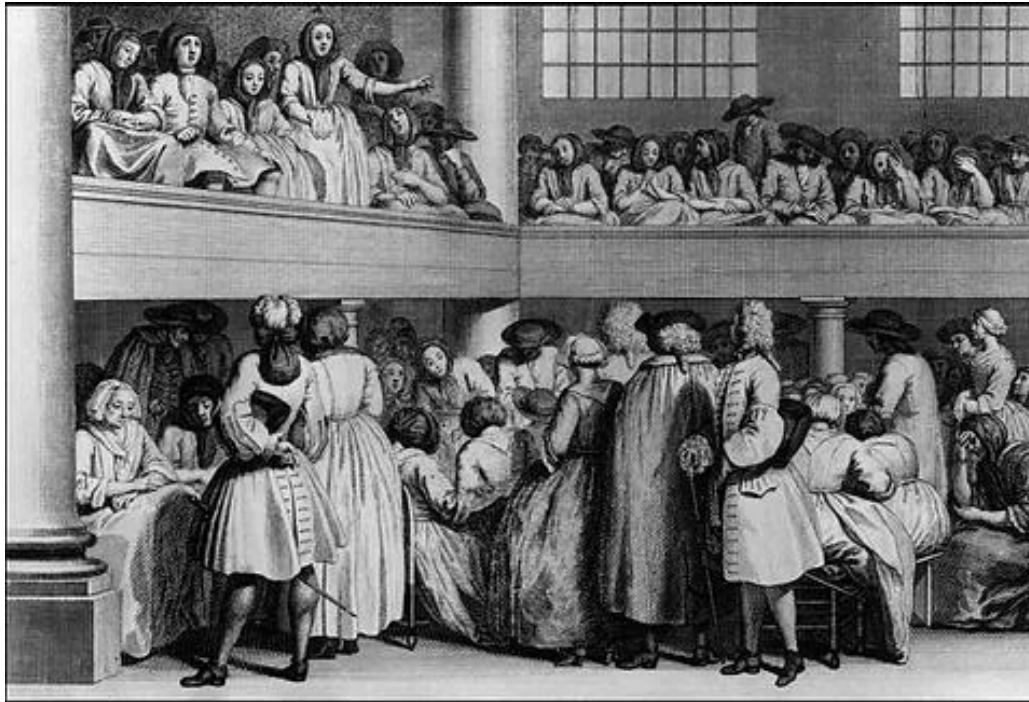
FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

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*Image: A meeting of the Quakers, or Religious Society of Friends (1725). Public Domain*

Welcoming the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in our congregations, we are liberated from a static understanding of the church, which often makes us allies of the status quo. As we open ourselves to the re-creating and animating power of the Holy Spirit, we become agents of healing and hope in the world.

## 1. GATHERING

### Musical Prelude (Geoff)

### Call to Worship (Steve)

Leader: What will you offer the body of Christ today?

**People: Bring all that you have. Bring all that you are.**

Leader: The gifts of silence and the gifts of words are welcome.

**People: The gifts of leading and the gifts of following are welcome.**

Leader: The gifts of doubt and the gifts of faith are welcome.

### Opening Prayer (Steve)

### Opening Song (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.

**People: The gifts of the head and the gifts of the heart are welcome.**

Leader: The gifts of planning and the gifts of spontaneity are welcome.

**People: May all that we are as individuals come together to strengthen the living body of the church, Christ Incarnate.**

*“War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.”*  
— John F. Kennedy

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scriptures: John 16 (selected verses)

1 "I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling.

2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God.

3 And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me.

4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them...

20 Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.

21 When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world.

22 So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you...

33 I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"  
exalted."

### SERMON: "William Penn, Quakers, and Religious Tolerance" (Keith)



Keith will continue his family history as he presents some of his ancestral families who met William Penn in Europe and were invited by him to settle in his Colony in America. He will also share how Quakers and Anabaptists were similar and how they differed in their response to persecution in the Holy Roman Empire.

Image from Penn Treaty Museum, 324 Richmond St., Philadelphia PA 19125  
<http://www.penn treaty museum.org/history-2/william-penn/>

*"Where do the evils like corruption arise from? It comes from the never-ending greed. The fight for corruption-free ethical society will have to be fought against this greed and replace it with 'what can I give' spirit."*

— A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Congregational Singing (Geoff)

### Response (everyone)

### Joys and Concerns (everyone)

### Offering & Music (Geoff)

### Sending (all)

Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

Ours are the only hands with which Christ can do his work,

Ours are the only feet with which Christ can go about the world,

Ours are the only eyes through which Christ's compassion can shine forth on a troubled world.

Christ has no body on earth now but ours.



*"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."*

— Saint Francis de Sales

*"We are all born naked into this world, but each of us is fully clothed in potential."*

— Emmitt Smith