

August 27, 2023
"Let's Talk about Dan"

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

"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity." — Henry Van Dyke

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

"The only thing better than singing is more singing." — Ella Fitzgerald

Musical Prelude: "Sadness of Soul"
by Felix Mendelssohn (John)

Call to Worship #982 (John)

Opening Prayer #981 (Martha)

Congregational Singing (everyone)

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: Matthew 5:1-11

Congratulations to the poor in spirit! Heaven's domain belongs to them.

Congratulations to those who grieve! They will be consoled.

Congratulations to the gentle! They will inherit the earth.

Congratulations to those who hunger and thirst for justice! They will have a feast.

Congratulations to the merciful! They will receive mercy.

Congratulations to those with an undefiled heart! They will see God.

Congratulations to those who work for peace! They will be known as God's children.

Congratulations to those who have suffered persecution for the sake of justice! Heaven's domain belongs to them.

Congratulations to you when they denounce you and persecute you and spread malicious gossip about you because of me.

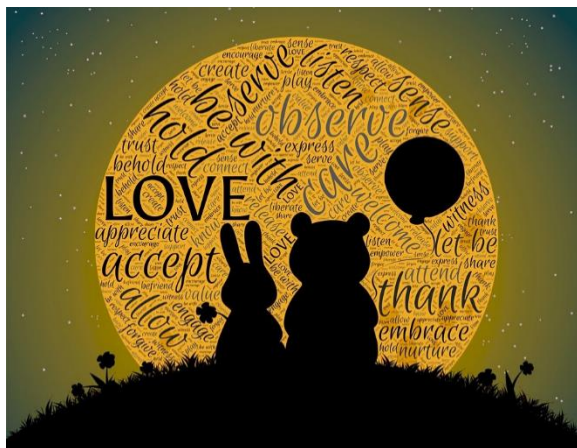
"We are all one - or at least we should be - and it is our job, our duty, and our great challenge to fight the voices of division and seek the salve of reconciliation."

— Roy Barnes

"We need to give each other the space to grow, to be ourselves, to exercise our diversity. We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion." — Max de Pree

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

— Edmund Burke



DISCUSSION: "Let's Talk About Dan!" (Everyone)

Today we all share fond memories of our brother Dan Leatherman. He was always authentic, had a great sense of humor, loved to share his stories and memories, knew bible history like no one else, was incredibly generous and caring, had a mind and heart that were open to everything, and brought a wealth of life experience to this congregation.

Our lives are all the better having been touched by this man. We mourn his passing!

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

"Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart." — Sarah Ban Breathnach

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all." — Emily Dickinson

"All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come." — Victor Hugo

Congregational Singing (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (John)

Sending #1049 (Martha)

