

June 18, 2023

“God Has No Grandchildren”

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

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.” — Seneca

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”

— Marcel Proust

Musical Prelude (John)

Call to Worship - #877 (Steve)

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Enter our silences.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Into the depths of our longing.

All: Come Holy Spirit,

L: Unmask our pretending. Enter our trusting,

Enter our fearing,

Enter our letting go,

Enter our holding back.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

L: Embrace and free us.

Opening Prayer - #879 (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.

"It's not only moving that creates new starting points. Sometimes all it takes is a subtle shift in perspective, an opening of the mind, an intentional pause and reset, or a new route to start to see new options and new possibilities." — Kristin Armstrong

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Selections from the Old and New Testaments

Joshua 4:1-9 (excerpts): "Choose 12 stones and build a memorial altar; when your children ask, "What do these stones mean?", tell them how God has led Israel."

Judges 2:7, 10: "The people served Yahweh while Joshua and the other elders lived... but the next generation knew neither Yahweh nor what He had done for Israel."

Luke 22:24-27: "When the disciples argued who of them was greatest, Jesus said, 'Pagan rulers lord it over them ... but don't let this happen among you.'"

I Cor. 1:10: "Don't set up competing party leaders--Paul, Apollos, Peter, or Christ only."

John 3:8: "The wind blows where it wants; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. That's how it is with those born of the Spirit."

2 Cor. 3:17: "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

1 John 4:1: "Don't trust every spirit ... but test them to see whether they come from God..."

I Cor. 1:22-23, 26: "Jews demand miracles, and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified--a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Greeks. When God called you, few were wise, powerful, or of high social standing."

Gal. 3:28: "No more Jew/Greek, slave/free, male/female--but all one in Christ Jesus."

Col. 5:18, 22: "Wives obey your husbands; slaves obey your masters"

I Tim. 2: 9: "Women should dress modestly, not speak in church, or teach men."

Titus: "Qualifications, privileges, responsibilities of hierarchical bishops/elders"



SERMON: "God Has No Grandchildren: How and Why Movements Fail, Even When They Succeed" (Dan)

Now in the season of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit dramatically brings new ways of thinking and living that challenge the old systems that maintain order.

These soon reassert their domination, so every generation needs new Spirit-led change.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (John & Cathy)

Response (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (John)

Sending - #1066 (Steve)

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." — Helen Keller

"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." — Andre Gide