

June 4, 2023

“The Great Omissions!”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST

1. GATHERING

“It is a law in the universe that a wave of spiritual awakening is always followed by a period of doubting materialism, each phase is necessary in order that the spirit may receive equal development of heart and intellect without being carried too far in either direction.” — Max Heindel

Musical Prelude (Stan)

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 - #876 (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.

"As a follower of Jesus, I am called to work for justice and reconciliation, and to be an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves." — Frank Wolf

I follow three rules: Do the right thing, do the best you can, and always show people you care."

— Lou Holtz

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 28:5-10 & 16-20

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, until the end."



SERMON: "The Great Omissions! (Steve)

The passage we just read is commonly called, "The Great Commission." It is a clear and concise, and final challenge to his followers to "get busy!" doing what he both taught and did. Unfortunately, so much of our church history has often failed to follow those succinct and yet crucial instructions.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Stan)

Response (everyone)

Joys and Concerns (everyone)

Offering & Music (Stan)

Sending - #1066 (Steve)

"You have to keep shedding old skin in order to be reborn as something else."

— Simon Amstell

"I believe in the old, because it shows us where we come from - where our souls have risen from. And I believe in the new, because it gives us the opportunity to create who we are becoming."

— Abigail Washburn