

January 28, 2024

*“Mosaic: Becoming a Part of God’s Bigger Picture!”*

**FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

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

**Worship: 10:00 AM**

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**SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

Epiphany means “to make manifest.” This is the season when we see Jesus’ divine mission revealed to the world. After delivering their monetary tributes and pledging their allegiance to their new king, those intrepid Astronomers climbed back into their saddles again. But the journey home was via a different path since being wholly transformed, they could not go back the way they came. Today, the star still leads us to reflect its light.

**1. GATHERING**

**Musical Prelude (Stan)**

**Call to Worship (Based on Psalms 8)**

L: O Lord, to whom all our allegiance is given, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

P: And your glory rises above the heavens.

L: When I look at the heavens that you have made, the moon and the stars,

P: I am astonished that you even think about lil’ ole me.

L: And yet you are always by my side and you treat me like royalty.

P: You have given me great responsibility to help care for your creation:

L: the little sheep and the big strong oxen, wild beasts on the land and the birds of the air as well as everything that swims in the ocean.

ALL: O Lord, to whom all our allegiance is given, how majestic is your name throughout the cosmos!

**Opening Prayer**

**Congregational Singing**

**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.

*“We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”  
— Jimmy Carter*

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scriptures: Job 42:1-6

1 Then Job answered the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did

not know. 4 "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."



### SERMON: "Mosaic: Becoming a part of God's bigger picture!" (MWC)

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) has many members, each one different from the others, and yet together the members create a beautiful picture of the body of Christ. This Sunday, MWC Regional Representatives from Latin America will share their stories and prayer requests.

- **"Becoming a servant of a sovereign and just God."** Maria Del Rosario Peña De Melo, Iglesia Cristiana Encuentro de Renovación y Restauración, Comunidad Menonita de Riohacha, Colombia.
- **"Growing in faith and discipleship in joyful communion: The joy of belonging to the Anabaptist Christian family."** Carlos Avalos, pastor, Iglesia de los Hermanos en Cristo "Bellos Horizontes", Managua, Nicaragua.

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Congregational Singing

### Response

### Prayer Requests from Latin America

- Pray for those fleeing violence in their countries, seeking to live in peace. Pray for conversion of the people and structures that perpetuate violence in its various manifestations.
- Pray that with the wisdom of the Spirit, congregations will respond to their missional and pastoral tasks in the context of current realities, including corruption, gang violence, economic inequality and migration.
- Pray for God's Spirit to be at work throughout MWC and the mosaic of churches throughout the world.

*"There are very few human beings who receive the truth, complete and staggering, by instant illumination. Most of them acquire it fragment by fragment, on a small scale, by successive developments, cellularly, like a laborious mosaic."*

— Anais Nin

*"The contributions of refugees to the diverse mosaic of our nation are undeniable."*

— Antony Blinken

### Joys and Concerns

### Offering & Music (Stan)



### Sending

God's plan is bigger than what we can understand.

God's creation is immense, reflecting God's glory.

God's flock of sheep is loved, and bigger than we think.

There are different gifts distributed in the church, but one Holy Spirit in one body and all are a part of God's bigger picture.

Go now in peace to be a part of God's wondrous mosaic.