

November 17, 2024

“Are You a Consumer or a Producer?”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

Pastor: Steve Ramer

Office: (970) 658-2623 Cell: 970-412-7510



SEASON OF PENTECOST

“Tongues of fire came and rested upon each one of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit!”

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship (Katie)

Opening Prayer (Katie)

Congregational Singing (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.

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” — Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

“Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“From my perspective, I absolutely believe in a greater spiritual power, far greater than I am, from which I have derived strength in moments of sadness or fear.” — Jane Goodall

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: James 1:22-25 and 15:1-8 (New International Version)



James 1: 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so, deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such

branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Sermon: “Are You a Consumer or a Producer?” (Denise)

Consider the vineyard process and how it relates to discipleship. We are all connected to God and to one another, and must remain so, if we are to flourish.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing
(Geoff)

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music
(Geoff)

Sending

“Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved daughters and sons of God.”

– Henri Nouwen

“One of the greatest indicators of our own spiritual maturity is revealed in how we respond to the weaknesses, the inexperience, and the potentially offensive actions of others.” — David A. Bednar

