

October 27, 2024

“Budgets are Moral Judgements”

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

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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 (Cathy and Leanna)

Call to Worship: #855

Voice 1: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

Voice 2: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

Voice 1: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

Voice 2: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

Voices 1 & 2: *Worship is the mystery within us, reaching out to the Mystery beyond.*

“There is nothing wrong with being well off as long as money has a social and ethical value and is not the object of one’s own greed.”
— Aga Khan IV

Opening Prayer: #861

Congregational Singing (Cathy and Leanna)

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

Scriptures: Matthew 6:19-24

Matthew 6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also . . . 24 No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.



Sermon: "Budgets are Moral Documents (Steve)"

As we consider the admonition in Matthew, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be," we need to realize that what we spend our money on expresses our priorities.

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."
— Bob Marley

Congregational Singing (Cathy and Leanna)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Cathy and Leanna)

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God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,
now and always.

"The Roots of Violence: Wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, and politics without principles." — Mahatma Gandhi

Fall Fellowship Meeting

We will have our Fall Fellowship meeting at 11 am, following an abbreviated worship service. Please bring a snack to share.

NOTE: We will keep the Zoom meeting going from the worship service so you can also join us that way as well.