

January 26, 2025
"Conrad, Will You Please Baptize Me?"

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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

Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF EPIPHANY

An epiphany is a sudden and striking realization or insight, often leading to a deeper understanding of a situation or problem. In a religious context, it refers to the manifestation of a divine being.

1. GATHERING

Prelude (John)

Call to Worship: #921

Together: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love;

Part 1: It dies to flesh and blood;

It serves those who harm it;

Part 2: It destroys all forbidden lusts and desires;

It prays for those who persecute it;

It seeks, serves, and fears God in its inmost soul;

It teaches, admonishes, and judges us with the Word of God;

It clothes the naked;

It feeds the hungry;

It seeks those who are lost;

It comforts the sorrowful;

It binds up what is wounded;

It shelters the destitute;

It heals the sick;

It aids and consoles the sad;

It saves what is strong;

It does good to those who do it harm;

It becomes all things to all people.

Together: *The persecution, suffering, and anguish that come to it for the sake of the truth of Christ have become a glorious joy and comfort to it.*

Opening Prayer: #1002

Congregational Singing (Rachel)

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: Galatians 3:26-28

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.



Conrad Grebel

Sermon: "Conrad, Will You Please Baptize Me?" — A Play in Three Acts (by Keith M. and FCMF Actors)

On January 21, 1525, Conrad Grebel baptized George Blaurock in what is generally considered by most Anabaptist historians as the first Adult Baptism in "modern times". January 21, 2025 is the 500th anniversary of this event.

This play aims to recreate the scene as accurately as possible while at the same time, allowing the playwright to craft conversations that must surely be close to the actual ones that occurred 500 years ago. It is performed without rehearsal!

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

—Matthew 28:19

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Rachel)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Geoff)

Sending Blessing - #928

No one can truly know Christ

Unless they follow after him in daily life,

And no one can follow Christ in daily life

Unless they truly know him.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

— Thomas Aquinas

"Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark." — Rabindranath Tagore

"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation." — D. Elton Trueblood