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## “The Life and Teachings of Menno Simons: Part 2”

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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*The house near Bad Oldesloe, Germany in which Simons is believed to have worked*

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEASON

Today we continue to celebrate and practice the resurrection of Christ. Death could not defeat him. Jesus lives!

## 1. GATHERING

### Prelude (Stan)

#### Call to Worship: #921 (from Menno Simons)

**All: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant, but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love.**

L: it dies to flesh and blood;

**P: it destroys all forbidden lusts and desires;**

L: it seeks, serves, and fears God in its inmost soul;

**P: it clothes the naked;**

L: it feeds the hungry;

**P: it comforts the sorrowful;**

L: it shelters the destitute;

**P: it aids and consoles the sad;**

L: it does good to those who do it harm;

**P: it serves those who harm it;**

L: it prays for those who persecute it;

**P: it teaches, admonishes, and judges us with the word of God;**

L: it seeks those who are lost;

**P: it binds up what is wounded;**

L: it heals the sick;

**P: it saves what is strong;**

L: it becomes all things to all people.

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

### Opening Prayer (Steve)

### Congregational Singing (Stan)

“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.” — *Albert Schweitzer*

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**Leader:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Luke 22: 19-20, Matthew 28: 16-19, Mark 16: 14-16, John 18: 10-12**

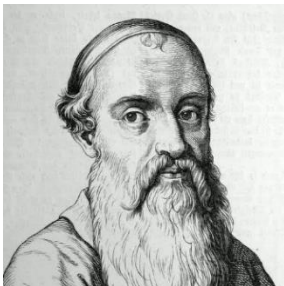
**Luke 22: 19** And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

**Matthew 28: 16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

**Mark 16: 14** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

**John 18: 10** Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, "Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? 12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him."

**Sermon: "The Life of Menno Simons"**



In this second of three-part series, we will discover the life of Menno Simons from a Catholic priest through his transition to Anabaptism, his assuming leadership of the northern Anabaptists, and his giving his name to the Mennonite Church.

"We learn, grow and become compassionate and generous as much through exile as homecoming, as much through loss as gain, as much through giving things away as in receiving what we believe to be our due." — *David Whyte*

Image of Menno Simons from wikipedia, "Menno Simons," [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menno\\_Simons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menno_Simons)

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Congregational Singing (Stan)**

**Reflections**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Offering & Music (Stan)**

**Sending: #928 (Hans Denk, early Anabaptist leader)**

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.

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."  
— *Haile Selassie*

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." — *Corrie Ten Boom*