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"Life and Teachings of Menno Simons: Part 4"

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SEASON OF PENTECOST

Romans 8:2 A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. (The Message)

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Geoff)

Call to Worship: #921 (from Menno Simons)

All: The Prince of Peace is Jesus Christ!
L: We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace,
P: are now called to be.. a church… of peace.
L: True Christians do not know vengeance.
P: They are the children of peace.
L: Their hearts overflow with peace.
P: Their mouths speak peace,
All: and they walk in the way of peace.

Opening Prayer (Steve)

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.

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" — Abraham Lincoln

2. Hearing God's Word

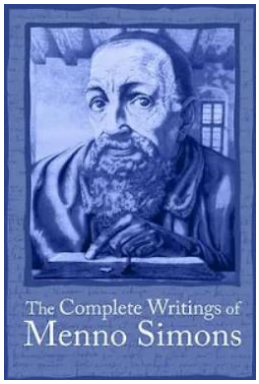
Scriptures: Isaiah 58: 3-7 (Anabaptist Community Bible), Ephesians 5: 25-27 (KJV), Romans 13: 1-3 (Anabaptist Community Bible), James 5: 12 (KJV)

Isaiah 58: 3 "Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?" Yet on your fast day you do what you want, and oppress all your workers. 4 You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; … . 5 … Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? 7 Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry, and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family?

Ephesians 5: 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Romans 13: 1 Every person should place himself under the authority of the government. There isn't any authority unless it comes from God, and the authorities that are there have been put in place by God. 2 So anyone who opposes the authority is standing against what God has established. People who take this kind of stand will be punished. 3 The authorities don't frighten people who are doing the right thing. Rather they frighten people who are doing wrong.

James 5: 12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.



Sermon: "Life and Teachings of Menno Simons: Part 4"

This Sunday Keith discusses Menno's teachings regarding the Church and living a good Christian life: non-resistance, taking of oaths, role of women in society, church discipline, and plain and humble living.

3. Responding to God's Word

Congregational Singing (Geoff)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (Geoff)

Sending: (Menno Simons)

No other foundation can be laid than the one which has been laid which is Jesus Christ.
Never forget the covenant which you voluntarily accepted…
Remember that you are risen with Christ Jesus into… the life which is taught by the Gospel.
— Menno Simons

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."
— Victor Hugo

"Regardless of your belief, regardless of your religious affiliation, I don't care if you're an atheist, an agnostic, I don't care. We could all use good news."
— Israel Houghton

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' "
— Fred Rogers