

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
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October 31, 2021

Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation.



WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF THE SERVICE

GATHERING SONG *Be Still and Know*

CORPORATE CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses--

Leader: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.

Leader: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are--your precious children in this community of believers.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.

Leader: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

People: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

People: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

People: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Leader: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF SCRIPTURES/songs that are/were meaningful to your loved one.

MEDITATION

NAMING OF THE HONORED DEAD Hebrews 12:1 – creation of our “cloud of witnesses”

SONG *For All the Saints* by Fernando Ortego

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-14

NAMING OF THE EARTHLY SAINTS

Persons of Salt and Light – thank you cards

SONG *Will you let me be your servant*

PRAYER (ending together in the Lord's Prayer as printed)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom and the power and glory, forever. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 1 Mon 1:00 p.m. (kitchen) East Chestnut Street meal packing. Come help make sandwiches and pack the bags. We will be packing 9 dozen bags (108).

Nov 3 Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pac

6:30 p.m. Auction Committee meeting

Nov 9 Tue Alive with 55...Donna Stoltzfus will share about her first novel, *Captive*, a coming-of-age novel set in Lancaster County during WWII.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER....your nominations for Advisory Council Members are due TODAY.

WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO Sadie Esh on the death of her brother-in-law Amos Esh.

SILENT AUCTION...Bring all donations to the church by **November 14, along with a description form.** You will have the opportunity to place bids on the items beginning November 21. We will gather for a light meal and an evening of fellowship on December 14. Bidding will end at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

REPORT for October 24 Offering \$3,294 Attendance 57

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