

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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August 20, 2023

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

FELLOWSHIP 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Worship Leader: Joanne Dietzel

Prelude
Gathering Song
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Peace Candle
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

- L: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,
P: **God was.**
L: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,
P: **God is.**
L: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust, and human knowledge has been completed,
P: **God will be.**
L: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
P: **God was, God is, God will be.**

Congregational Singing
Children's Time

Scripture: John 18: 1-27

Message: Jane Hooper Piefer

Jane has fond memories of church life here at Ridgeview from the time she was about 11 years old until she went to college. She currently lives in Harrisonburg, VA with her husband Daryl, who she married in this room 50 years ago this past May. She was a pastor for 24 years, most recently at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. In retirement, Jane is a Spiritual Director and retreat leader for groups and individuals.

Response Song
Benediction
Sending Song

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 29, 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Shirley Nolt on the death of her son Andy Nolt who died August 11.

DOUBLE BAGGED plastic grocery bags are needed for the food pac program. Please double bag the bags and put them in the container located in the hallway by the offices.

MCC SCHOOL KIT CHALLENGE... Help kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August.

Contents of the kits: Return kits by August 27

- 4 Spiral or Perforated page notebooks.
8½ by 10½ with 70 pages minimum
- 8 New unsharpened pencils
- 1 Large Eraser
- 1 Flat ruler of good quality, MUST indicate 30 cm. (inch markings optional)
- 12 Colored pencils in packaging
- 4 New black or blue ball point pens

REPORT FOR August 13

Offering \$1,900 Attendance 68

LEANING ON THE HEART OF GOD

Accept the strength that comes from the grace of Christ Jesus

2Timothy 2:1

I am leaning on the heart of God.

I am resting there in silence.

All the turmoil that exhausts me
is brought to bear on this great love.

No resistance or complaint is heard
as I lean upon God's welcome.

There is gladness for my coming.

There is comfort for my pain.

I lean, and lean, and lean
upon this heart that hurts with me.
Strength lifts the weight of my distress.

Courage wraps around my troubles.

No miracle of instant recovery.

No taking away of life's burdens.

Yet, there is solace for my soul,
and refuge for my exiled tears.

It is enough for me to know
the heart of God is with me,
full of mercy and compassion,
tending to the wounds and burdens I bear.

Joyce Rupp

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