

# Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

People who love God with all our being and love others as ourselves!

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## Lent 2: Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence

### Gathering in Hope

Prelude

Time of Anticipation

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn # 102 (blue) .....To God be the glory

Hymn # 356 (blue) .....Breathe on me, breath of God

Confession

Assurance of Pardon

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Hymn # 39 (purple) .....Will you come and follow me

Hymn # 14 (green) .....Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Scripture Reading ..... John 3:1-17

Sermon

Ritual of Response

Hymn # 327 (blue) .....Great is thy faithfulness

### Responding as Disciples

Offering

Living, Loving, and Praying as Community

### Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 73 (green) .....The Lord lift you up

Extinguishing the Light

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Chorister: Terry Keller

### Focus statement

*God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges, new ways of being, thinking, and doing. As we respond to this invitation, God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence.*

### Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)

3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)

4. Worship Discussion Class

5. Current Affairs Class

6. Bible Study Class

7. Elective – Scripture through Song

Coffee/Juice prep: Judy Rivers

Clean up: Kevin D. Cressman

### Location

Downstairs

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Lobby

Downstairs Hall

Sanctuary

Library

Balcony

We are now sending our announcements out by email. Printed copies are available on the shelf under the mailboxes for those who prefer that format. Please contact the church office if you have recently changed your email address, so we can update your contact information. (Not sure? If you did not receive an email from Nith Valley on Saturday, with the subject line 'Nith Valley Announcements', then we do not have the correct contact info for you.)

### **Call to worship**

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,  
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being,  
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.  
Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us  
and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

### **Confession**

*All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.*

### **Ritual of Response**

Consider one new action or way of thinking or being that God might be calling you to. Write down or draw one new thing you would like to commit to do. Tuck this reminder in your Bible or post somewhere you will see it regularly during Lent.