# 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

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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
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Hymn # 327 (blue)Great is thy faithfulness
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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 Speaker: Greg Yantzi Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

#### 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	Location
1. Preschool & Kindergarten	Downstairs
2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)	Downstairs
3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)	Lobby
4. Worship Discussion Class	Downstairs Hall
5. Current Affairs Class	Sanctuary
6. Bible Study Class	Library
7. Elective – Scripture through Song	Balcony
Coffee/Juice prep: Judy Rivers	Clean up: Kevin D. Cressman

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.