

## Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church

July 14, 2019

### Prelude

### Lighting of the peace lamp

### Call to Worship

### Opening Prayer

Hymn                      Seek Ye, First                      HWB 324

Scripture                      Ephesians 6:10-20

Meditation    Armor of God – breastplate of righteousness

Hymn                      Lead me, Lord                      HWB 538

### Offertory and prayer

### Congregational prayer/sharing time

Let us pray to our God saying  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Holy God, you knew us before we took our first breath.  
You uttered your living Word and brought forth light, love, and life.  
You gathered us from the dust of the earth and called us your people.  
You sent us into the world to proclaim your mighty and wondrous deeds. You are with us even now as we continue our call.  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Mighty God, you have done great things; who is like you?  
You alone are our rock of refuge. You alone are our strong fortress.  
You alone are our hope and in you alone is our trust.  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Merciful God, your love never ends. We confess to you that we do not always share your love as we should. Where you have called us to live as one body, we exist as divided members. Where you have called us to give our Spirit-given gifts, we ignore your call. Where you have called us to forgive, we have forgotten your mercy.

Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Gracious God, do not be far from us! Strengthen us that we might be givers of your grace and may your steadfast love be known to all of your children. Send your Holy Spirit to empower our hands to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and love all as you have first loved us.  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Loving God, hear today the prayers that we lift up to you.  
Be with those of us who are [*name of community*].  
Give us hearts of courage and songs of your grace  
to tell others of your righteous acts and deeds of salvation.  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Abundant God, be with those of us that yearn for your restoration and healing. Today, we ask your blessing upon [*list names of those in need of healing*]. We who are [*name of community*] also lift up to you those who we bring before you with our lips or within our hearts...  
Lord, in your righteousness, **deliver us and set us free.**

Faithful God, your power and your righteousness reach the heavens.  
Hear us, your servants, as we follow you to the day when faith, hope, and love will be upon the lips of all of us, your children. These things we pray in the name of your Son who taught us to pray saying...

Hymn                      My hope is built on nothing less                      HWB 343

### Benediction

### Share the sign of peace