

**Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church  
August 29, 2021  
Joy Empties**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>“We Dream of a Turning”</b>	<b>VT 209 CD</b>
<b>Welcome/Peace Lamp</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12</b>	
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>VT 866</b>	
<b>Passing the Peace</b>	<b>(using sign language VT 850</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Come Now is the Time to Worship”</b>	<b>VT 29</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-11</b>	
<b>Reflections/Discussion Questions</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”</b>	<b>VT 778</b>
<b>Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Prayer Requests</b>		
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering</b>	<b>“Creation is a Song”</b>	<b>VT 181 CD</b>
	<b>“Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition”</b>	
	<b>(Co-founded by Sarah Augustine, a native Mennonite in Oregon.</b>	
	<b>This is connection with a project being done in Granite Falls, MN and</b>	
	<b>sponsored by Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. See the brochure on</b>	
	<b>the Fellowship Hall table for more information)</b>	
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>As we go from this gathered worship, may we be of the same mind as Christ, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind, and look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.</b>	

Let us always remember that our God is a God of justice. We are not alone in our desire and movement toward a more just way of living. (“The Land is Not Empty” by Sarah Augustine)

## Philippians 2:1-11

*Leader: Verses 1-5*

Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another. I urge you, then, to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind. Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had:

*All: Verse 6-11*

He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God.

Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like man and appeared in human likeness.

He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death, his death on the cross.

For this reason, God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name.

And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees,

and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Discussion Questions:

1. How has "humility" been misused and abused by powerful people seeking to unjustly keep others (women, Black, Indigenous and other people of color, for example) from fully participating in society? Does this abuse of humility negate its role as a proper expression of faithfulness?
2. What does true or healthy humility look like? How do we cultivate it?