

SERMON ON THE MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2022

Lent 5 April 3, 2022 From scarcity to abundance

“As we seek God’s way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God’s abundance.”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Beautiful Things VT 551

PEACE LAMP LIGHTING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

HYMN Let Us Build a House VT 36

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Psalms 126

REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Reflection questions

- Where can you give something?
- Where can you give all?

RESPONDING

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

Leader: We seek God’s ways.

All: Lord, move us from our scarcity mentality into your abundant life.

LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, For our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

PRAYER

HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VT 323

SHARING JOYS/CARE FOR OTHERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 32 adapted)

Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are we whose sins our God does not count against us.

God's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Eat This Bread VT 476

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION VT 936

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER VT 989B

SENDING

HYMN Beyond a Dying Sun VT 416

SENDING

