

I've been
meaning
to ask...

where do we
go from here?

Conversation Church

Sunday, February 12th- 9:30 A.M.
Milton Lutheran Church

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor
John Warfel, Director of Music

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to the Milton Lutheran Church and the unique worship style of Conversation Church! Today, we will hope that you will be open to the ways in which the Holy Spirit engages us in worship and in relationship with one another.

On the table before you, you should find nametags and markers. Please take a moment and fill out our nametag and stick it on you. You will also notice a board in the front of our worship space where you can write any prayers down and stick them to the board. There are pens and pencils available to you on the table, as well as sheets of paper for you to write down your prayers. Take a few moments now and think about any prayers you may have.

Is there someone in your life that needs prayers? Anything you want to thank God for? Anything you want to ask God for? Are there worries that you have? Is there something new happening in your life?

Go ahead and write these prayers down and place them on the prayer board before worship begins.

Worship will begin at 9:30 A.M., so take some time, relax, talk to your neighbors, and enjoy!

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Today as you enter the worship space, please take a moment to be inspired by the beauty of the flowers. This week they have been generously provided by Joe, Krista & Keith Yaiko in memory of Loved ones.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Chuck & Helen

Comm Asst: Connie Stover & Karen Fry

Worship Setup: Ann Mellman & Mary Ann Solomon

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Song

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, as we gather for worship together. We gather asking, where do we go from here? Over the past few weeks you have reminded us that relationships matter. That connection matters. Today, we ask that you open our hearts and minds to your Spirit. Give us the courage to grow deeper in our relationships with you and one another. **AMEN**

Meal

Prayer for Scripture

Let us Pray. Jesus, you asked questions as much as you answered them. You never shied away from conversation. You were always sparking curiosity, opening people's minds, and engaging in the art of connection with everyone around you. As we come to your Word and as we approach one another today, give us the same curiosity, openness, and connection. We are here. We are listening. **AMEN**

Scripture Reading- John 15: 9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Questions for Reflection

Round 1

1. How did you become a part of the Milton Lutheran Church?
2. What is one of your favorite memories at the church this past year? Or if you're new to our community since you've joined us?

Round 2

1. How did you get your name? Is there something about your name that is unique? What makes it unique?
2. Share your favorite story about food. What traditions does your family have around meals? What is your favorite food?

Round 3

1. What's one thing you think God is calling you to do differently in your life?
2. What are the next steps you will take to respond to this calling?

Prayer

God of conversation and relationships. We take a moment now and pause to lift these conversations we just had to you. Hold them in the holy space of your mercy and grace. Guide us now, as you do each day, toward one another. Help us to respond to your love, by loving one another. **AMEN**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Table

We have spent time intentionally sharing and connecting. You told stories. You laughed. You introduced yourselves. You broke bread.

In many ways, I imagine that's what it was like being at the table with Jesus. I imagine that between moments of teaching and prophecy he was turning to his disciples, saying things like, "What is your favorite memory of us being together?" "What's the story behind your name?" "What's your favorite food?"

It's easy to imagine, because Jesus was always seeking deeper connection. Jesus always saw those around him. He saw their joy and their pain. He invited them in. He fed them. He called them friends. He said, "I chose you." And that holy love exists for us here, too.

So friends, come to this table today. Come with your questions and your doubts. Come with your joys and your heartache. Come with your hurt and your hope. Come with your heart on your sleeve. Come, and know that you are welcome here—exactly as you are. There is a seat saved for you.

As there was for all of Jesus' disciples. When he took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'

And so as we gather around this table, just as your disciples did all those years ago, and we pray that your Spirit blesses our gathering, our meal and our relationships. Through your grace, help us be fed together as one people. **AMEN**

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.


The blood of Christ shed for you.

Song During Communion- Holy are Holy

You Are Holy

Du är helig


1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.


2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

People of God, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, And the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself. May you be blessed, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

Closing Song

On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All
3

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Sending

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church
Foster community through faith, love, and service.
Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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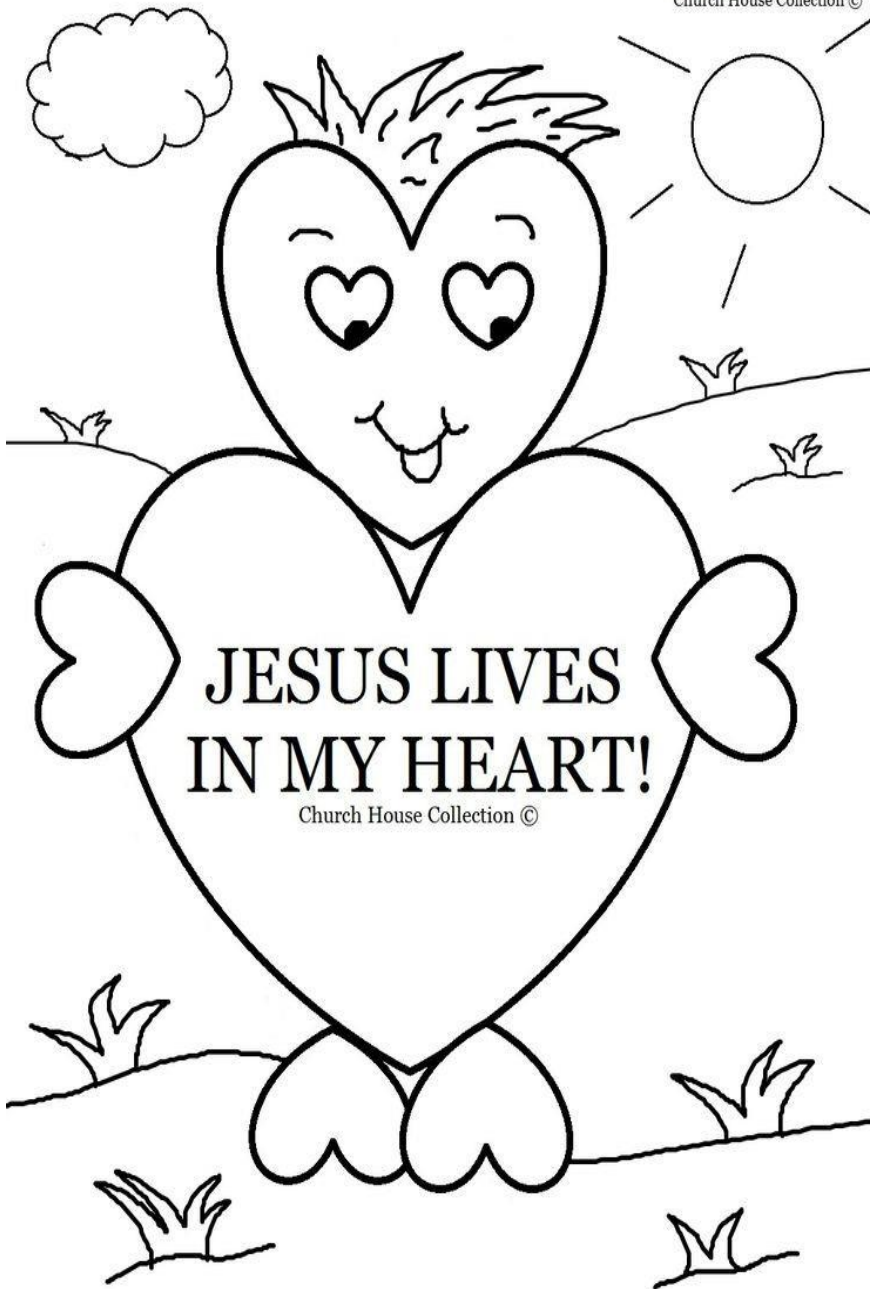
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IN MY HEART!**

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