February 26, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Gathering

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk* Welcome and Announcements - *Meg Emery* Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader:Sing together! Celebrate God!People:God protects us from all our trouble.Leader:God forgives us and covers our sins.People:God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.All:Therefore, let all God's people pray with
thanksgiving and worship God.

Praising & Listening

Congregational Singing - Wendy Hochstedler Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Children's Time - Kevin Goertzen Offering (includes coin offerings for missions) Message: "In the Image of God" - Kevin Goertzen

Responding

Song of Response Prayer of Confession and Assurance Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song Benediction



Today's Nursery Volunteers: Sharon Shenk (Wendy Hochstedler)

Congregational Council has **nominated Mark Hochstedler** to serve as a member of Discerning Committee. If you have questions or concerns about this nomination, please contact Ann Frank today.

THIS WEEK

All Week: Serve as Hosts for WARM Guests Thurs. 9:30 a.m.: Sewing Circle

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 5: Choir Practice Begins (after Worship)
- Mar. 6: Providing Lunch for Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)
- Mar. 12: Shared Meal after Worship
- Apr. 9: Easter Breakfast prior to Worship
- May 7: EMHS Touring Choir at Springdale (meal following)
- May 13: Bake Sale to Benefit Missions (Cheese Shop)

Please pray for <u>Martha Laub</u> (still struggling with fatigue / other symptoms and feeling very poorly); <u>Dave & Marian Mininger</u> (as they conclude their time with MDS); and <u>everyone involved with the WARM program</u> this week, including volunteers and guests!

If you are available to serve as an **overnight volunteer for WARM** March 3, 4, or 5, please talk to Alan Shenk.

You are invited to **sing in a choir on Easter Sunday**! Practices will begin next Sun., March 5, after worship. Please let Orpha Beyeler know if you are interested so she can compile the right number of song books.

We are now in **the season of Lent** - the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that precede Easter. This is a time for prayer, reflection, repentance, and engaging in fasting or other spiritual disciplines. This year our Lent worship focuses on the theme "*Created in the Image of God – Shaped by Jesus*." Each week you will be provided with a question(s) to guide your reflections throughout the week & possibly to respond to during sharing time the following Sunday. May God walk with us as we engage again in the process of discipleship, preparing us for the great celebration of Christ's resurrection that is coming.

If you can **help with clean-up** after the shared meal on March 12, please sign up in the foyer. Thanks!

VMMissions Note: Pray for the ministry of Yacoub Rasul (name changed) as he serves in church planting & leadership development among the Arabic-speaking community of Harrisonburg.

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