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The Beatitudes:

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.

Prelude Sylvia Gallian

Our Journey on the Mountain with Jesus

Call to Worship & Prayer Susan Allison-Jones
(inspired by Isaiah 25:6-9)

Hurricanes and floods and environmental havoc;
drones and IEDs and handguns;
cancer and heart disease and ebola;
poverty and injustice and oppression.
The ways of death in this world are many.
The words of death surround us.
The fear of death envelopes us.
But we come now to hear a different Word,
a true Word, a life-giving Word.
We are here on Isaiah's mountain
where tears are wiped away,
where a banquet table has been set,
where death has been swallowed up forever.
We do not fully understand it.
We may not fully believe it.
And yet here it is:
the power of Christ's life within us and among us.
So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**.

Song Could it Be that God is Singing VT 42
Sung by Menno Singers

Scripture Matthew 4:23–5:12 Martha Smith Good

Song Blessed are You VT 290
sung by Eastern Mennonite Chamber Singers

Personal Reflection: Blessed are those who mourn
Susan Cressman, Nith Valley Mennonite Church

Meditation Jan Steckley, Hillcrest Mennonite Church

Song You're Not Alone VT 779
sung by Menno Singers

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Know that God blesses you when you laugh and when you cry. God understands all of your feelings. Go from this space knowing that God goes with you - God who knows the deepest griefs of your heart, who gathers your tears and who gives you the strength and resilience for each day.

Questions to Ponder

- Who and what have you deeply grieved during your lifetime? How have you experienced the comfort of God in times of deep grief?
- We often think of those who "mourn" as those who have lost a loved one to death, however there are many other ways that grief is experienced. Who in our society is grieving losses other than death? How can we be God's comfort to them?

Upcoming Worship Service

July 11 Blessed are those who mourn (Matthew 5:4) Jan Steckley
July 18 Blessed are the meek (Matthew 5:4) Susan
July 25 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
(Matthew 5:6) Nancy Mann

Upcoming Events

Sun, July 11 Zoom Sharing, Prayer & Conversation 11:00 am
Sun, July 18 Sharing, Prayer & Conversation at church 11:00 am
(outside, weather permitting)

Birthdays:

July 15, Ross Shantz
July 17, Anne Thaler

Anniversaries:

July 11, 1970, Ken & Lil Quanz
July 14, 1973, Stan & Sylvia Gallian

Congregational Notes:

Zoom Join other members on Sunday morning at 11 am by Zoom or by phone.

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4766152022>

Meeting ID: 476 615 2022 Passcode: 2995

Phone Use either of these numbers.

1 647 374 4685 1 647 558 0588

Summer Worship series Our worship series will focus on the Beatitudes (Matthew 4:23–5:12). Worship resources are a collaborative effort of Wilmot Ignited Churches with joint Zoom worship services on the Long Weekends. Our **worship services** will be pre-recorded and the link will be sent to you by Saturday evening. Those who do not have internet will be able to access services on a tablet. Please note that worship services on the Long weekends will be held on Zoom. You will not get a pre-recorded service for those weeks

Starting on July 18 (next Sunday), our sharing and prayer time will happen IN PERSON outside at the church. Bring a lawnchair. If you cannot come but would like to be connected via Zoom please let Valerie know.

Pastor's Holidays Susan is on holidays until July 12. For pastoral concerns please contact Sylvia Gallian or Mary Gingerich.

Valerie will be on holiday the week of July 19-23.

Beyond The Congregation:

Mennonite Central Committee commits to walking alongside Indigenous sisters and brothers seeking justice, and encourages all Canadians to take actions that bear witness to the grief we are experiencing. How can we commemorate?

- Wear an MCC "Every Child Matters" button. Available at MCC Thrift shops
- Use [MCC's letter-writing tool](#) to engage with the minister of justice, minister of Crown-Indigenous relations, minister of Indigenous services and your MPs as we listen, engage and learn about the issues in your local communities.

