*The earth has music for those who listen.*

**We seek and practice shalom**

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

                                - Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Opportunities**

**Today**: 9:15AM First Perk

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship Service

February 21: Deacons’ Meeting, 3:45PM

February 25: No Sunday school, Worship at Pine Village, 10:30AM

February 28: Board Meeting, 8:00PM

March 12: Friendship Circle, 2:00PM

March 18: Guest Speaker Kathy Neufeld Dunn

March 20-23: Pastor Laura out of office

March 25: Community Holy Week Service, 7:00PM at United Methodist Church

March 26: Community Holy Week Service, 7:00PM at United Methodist Church

February 25th: Greeters – Randy & Rita Stucky, Organist – Hazel Voth, Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens

*- George Santayana*

**Prayers for Peacemakers**

***Keep Errol Greene's family in your thoughts and prayers, as the inquest investigating his death in custody is taking place in Winnipeg this month.***

Errol, 26, a loving father of four, was taken into custody in Winnipeg's Remand center on 29 April 2016. He was epileptic and taking medication to prevent his seizures. Errol asked the prison guards and nurses for his medications several times, but his request was neglected (according to his wife, Rochelle Pranteau).

On 1 May 2016, while on the phone talking to his wife, he had a seizure. The guards used excessive force by handcuffing him from behind, shackling his legs, and dragging him into a cell. They only returned with a nurse after fifteen minutes, by which time his soul had left his body.

His death is an example of not only the unjustified high numbers of Indigenous incarcerations, but also the inhumane way the colonial system treats Indigenous people.

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*First Mennonite Church of Christian is a fellowship that welcomes all people in our community so that they may grow in personal understanding and relationship with God. We welcome new members and guests. If you feel moved to join our fellowship or would like to know more about joining, please see the pastor.*

Between Me and You

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Prelude

Introit “Christ is our Cornerstone” Chancel Choir

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come; the kingdom of God draws near. Repent and believe the good news.

**People: We have come. We are here. We worship God together**

*\*I Sing the Mighty Power of God #46*

**Receiving God’s Word**

Scripture Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Lenten Hymn Between Me and You v.1

Children’s Time Laura Goerzen

Choral Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” Chancel Choir

Sermon

Prayer of Confession

God of the earth, the sky, the sea #53

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Praying the Psalms Psalm 25:1-10

Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Sung Benediction Wonderful Grace of Jesus #150*

*\*Spoken Benediction We are people of God.*

 *We go in God’s love*

 *To extend God’s love*

 *And live God’s promise.*

Postlude

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand*

 Welcome to First Mennonite Church of Christian

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