



2. If “who Jesus is” represents a central theme of worship, how does this fact make worship personally meaningful and acceptable to God?
3. Based on what you have just said, please tell us about a particularly unforgettable worship experience you have had.

**Hymn: “What Wondrous Love is This”**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you're here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

**Today, Children's Sunday School** will hear about Jesus as a servant, the Last Supper and His death. No Children's Sunday School on Easter.

**The Adult Sunday School** will discuss Chapter 2 of *Rethinking Life: Embracing the Sacredness of Every Person* by Shane Claiborne. We will have extra books for anyone who wants to join us.

**Maundy Thursday Soup Supper:** There will be a soup meal in the Church basement as part of our Maundy Thursday Worship Service on April 6 at 6:00pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex if you can bring soup and/or bread to share. Worship Council appreciates your help. On that evening, there will be a time for foot washing before the meal. There will be a short service in the Sanctuary following the meal with Scripture readings to honor Good Friday. If you have any questions please reach out to Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey. Thank you.

**Peace Club Members and Prayer Partners** will meet for their final spring session on Wednesday, April 5 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for pizza and games. RSVP “Regrets Only” to Judy Jantzen.

Please return the **VBS volunteer forms** from your mailbox to Darcy Esau by April 2. Thank you!

**Let's shower Elsie Riesen** with birthday cards on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 9! Her address is 609 Spring View Circle, Beatrice, NE 68310.

**WANTED!** Baseball Gear! If you have any baseball gear taking up space at home, donations are being taken for the new arrivals to play this spring and summer. You can put in the box in the coat closet. Thanks! (Questions? Contact Dan Kunzman.)

FMC is offering **camp scholarships** to Mennonite affiliated Church Camps to youth of First Mennonite to cover the registration fee. Please register online and let the church office know you've registered.

**Delegate Volunteers needed!** The **MC USA 2023 Delegate Assembly** is July 7-8 at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. FMC will pay your registration fee. Info is at [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org). Talk with Church Chair Jerry Reimer if interested.

**Young Adults ages 14-25 are invited to attend a Climate Summit** July 7 in the Kansas City Convention Center from 9-5. Experts in climate change will address how youth and young adults can put their faith to work to address this spiritual and human crisis. Register at [mennonitetusa.org](http://mennonitetusa.org). (\$45, includes lunch) Youth sponsors are welcome to attend.

**MCC My Coins Count collection last week was \$283.29.** Thank you to Marge Epp, Ann Reimer, and John & Zella Penner for matching on March 26! Thank you to all who have matched these collections. – FMC NE MCC Committee

**Lent 2023:** We as the church are in the season of Lent when we focus more on the life, teachings, and passion of Jesus as we journey alongside him to the cross on Good Friday and celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our sermon themes for Lent: Created in the image of God, Shaped by Jesus, Called by the Spirit. We have explored ways in which we have been created, shaped, and called. As a part of this, the cross is draped with different colors of cloth to reflect the theme for each Sunday: red for testing/temptation, orange for new birth (sunrise), blue for water, yellow for light, green for life, purple for worship and Palm Sunday, black for Good Friday. Each Sunday a layer of cloth is removed to reveal more of what is underneath. This serves as a visual reminder of what we are moving towards each week of Lent.

**FMC Lenten art exhibit:** Each and every person of FMC is hereby invited (maybe even challenged) to create a piece of art (painting, craft, sculpture, etc.) connected to one of the Lenten or Easter worship themes for this year. **Art should be brought to the church before Maundy Thursday, April 6**, so the art gallery can be open April 6 through Easter Sunday April 9. I want to also give special encouragement to children and youth to contribute your artwork. The hope is to have all ages of our church community represented. Contact Pastor Josh with questions, or if you have artwork to contribute!