

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader Kevin Smeltzer
Music Leader Charity Stutzman
Prelude "I Sought the Lord" Tina Eshleman
Lyubov Slashcheva

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Hymn "My Soul Cries Out" STS 124
HYMN "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" HWB 617

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING: CONFESSING

Leader: O God, we confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts your divine plan for our human lives. You created us in your divine likeness, diverse and beautiful.

People: Too often we fail to recognize your image in all.

ALL: Forgive us.

Leader: You created us in divine freedom, to be free. In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.

People: Too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all.

ALL: Forgive us.

Leader: You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share. In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.

People: Too often we fail to create that community which includes all, and gives to all equal access to your abundant life.

ALL: Forgive us.

Leader: Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil.

People: Open our hearts to desire good over evil.

Leader: Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil.

ALL: So that we may create among us your beloved community.

Welcome those near to you to "Worship and Rejoice Together this Lenten Season"

Hymn "Jesus Be the Center" STS 31

Dismissal for Junior Worship (ages 4-7)

Scripture Mark 14:1-11

Sermon "Wasted Devotion?" Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" HWB 340

Communion

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Our Father Which Art in Heaven" Tina Eshleman
Lyubov Slashcheva

SENDING

Sending Song "God Be with you (Til we Meet Again)" HWB 430

Benediction