



MILWAUKEE MENNONITE CHURCH
A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA
March 6, 2022

Seeking God's Ways

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are
your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

—Isaiah 55:8

Lent 1 - From security to generosity

*Focus: As we seek God's way, we move from
prioritizing our personal security to living with
generosity toward our neighbors.*

Prelude - Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: through the wilderness of Lent, through
the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**People: the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

**People: the gentleness of creation, the protection
of love.**

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy
name,

All: so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.

Land Acknowledgment VT 878

VT 764 Oh, for a thousand tongues

Responsive reading

Leader: *Your ways, O God, are higher than our
ways.*

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our
thoughts.**

Leader: *We seek God's ways.*

**All: Lord, move us from our ways of clinging to
security to your ways of generous living.**

Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be
found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts
are not your thoughts and our ways are not your
ways.

**People: Forgive us for seeking security. Lead us
into your way of generosity.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten
journey, let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Silence

Prayer of Assurance (Psalm 32 adapted)

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Reflection: Peter

VT 589 *In lonely mountain ways*

Responding

Prayer

VT 832 *The Lord lift you up*

Benediction

Announcements

*As a reminder of our COVID precautions, please
keep your mask on while in the building and keep
six feet apart.*

Next Week - 3/13/2022

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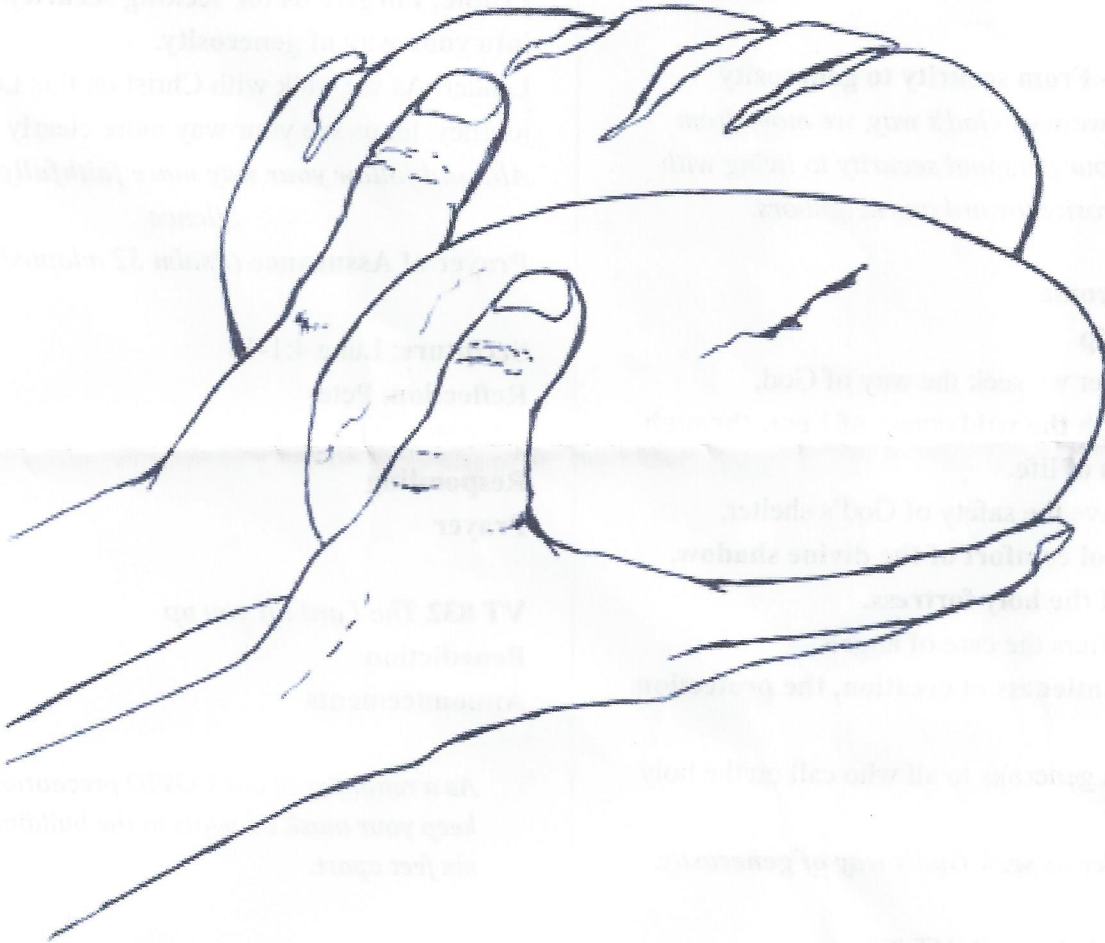
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Worship: Mark

Reflection: Chris

Seeking God's Ways - Line drawings and Lenten practices

You may use the line drawings as mini weekly Lenten retreats. Turn on instrumental music and read the "Reflection Questions" included in these Lenten materials. Color the page as you meditate on how God may be speaking to you through the gospel text, using the reflection questions to go deeper. After the page is colored, journal your responses to the reflection questions (or any other offerings that have come to your attention) and present these to God as your Lenten practice of seeking God's ways in your current situation. Consider doing these mini retreats with one or two others and sharing your reflections and insights at the end of a quiet time of reflection.



Lent 1

Reflection question: What are you holding onto tightly that can now be released, freeing you to be generous?