

Assembly Mennonite Church
Ecclesiastes Bible Study: Topic of the Week
August 14th 2022

Call to Worship

Gathering

Welcome and Birthday Recognition

Outlining the Morning

Telling God's Story

Pleasure and Work

Children's time: As the children come forward we will sing VT 405

Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, following that there is child care available. Children 4-11 are invited to come up for children's time.

Ecclesiastes 2

Hymn - Turn, Turn, Turn (projected)

Life and Death

Eccles. 3:9 - 4:8

Special Music - And Am I Born To Die

Eccles. 8:14 - 9:12

Wealth and Poverty

Eccles. 5:8-20

Leader: Don't be surprised ... the ruler is the one who profits from all the fields.

Left: Those who love money are never satisfied;

Right: Those who love wealth feel they never have enough.

People: This too is illusion

Left: When goods increase,

Right: Consumers increase as well.

People: Yet what use are things to their owners except as a feast for the eyes?

Left: Sweet sleep is the blessing of laborers, whether they're hungry or not;

Right: But the richer the affluent become the greater their insomnia!

Leader: Here is another ... unable to leave even a crumb to their children.

Left: Naked they come from their mother's womb,

Right: And naked they return.

Left: As you come,

Right: So you go -

People: And you can't take it with you!

Leader: This too is a grievous injustice... ill health and anger!

Left: How good, how lovely it is to eat and drink and find satisfaction in everything we do under the sun during the few days of life God gives us -

to embrace everything that comes to us!

Right: Regardless of how much wealth or possessions God gives us, we're also given the ability to find joy in what we have, to accept whatever happens to us, and find fulfillment in our work -

People: This is God's gift to us.

Left: If we embrace whatever comes,

Right: We never need to brood over the shortness of life,

People: For God will keep our hearts filled with joy.

Offering: VT 712 - Beauty for Brokenness

Wisdom and Foolishness

Eccles. 7:15 - 8:1

Hymn: VT 758 - Who Will Speak a Word of Warning

Youth and Age

Eccles. 11:6-12:8

Hymn: I was there to hear Your borning cry (*over*)

Silence

Service response/Sharing from our lives

Introduction of Visitors

Sending

Announcements

If you have an announcement, please send it to office@assemblymennonite.org by Friday morning so it can be included in the Assemblyline or get it in writing to the worship leader before announcements.

Hymn: VT 533 - Quietly, Peacefully

Sunday school teachers are dismissed at the beginning of the closing hymn, children are dismissed for Sunday School following the hymn

Benediction - Eccles: 12: 11-14

Postlude

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Stephen Lowe; Song Leader: Beverly Lapp; Musicians: Ally Mast, Jamie Lake, Jenna Martin, Jason Kauffman; Scripture Readers: Abigail Greaser, Jon Zirkle, Elias Magatti, Martha Hanby, Jep Hostetler, Thomas Bona, Deanna Risser, Susan Mark Landis, Leon Bauman; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Tech Crew: Trevor Daugherty, Eric Good Kaufmann

Sunday school

<i>Class</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Room</i>
Babies	2A (Nursery)	Grade 2&3	5
2's	7&8	Grade 4&5	3B
3's	6	JYF (grades 6-8)	1A&B
PreK	2B	MYF (grades 9-12)	3A
K/grade 1	Gather in Room 9		

2nd hour/Adult education

<i>Ages</i>	<i>Location</i>
Under 40	Worship space benches nearest the playground
40-55	Worship space benches nearest the parking lot
56-70	Multipurpose space North
70+	South end of Multipurpose space

Look for signs. There's also a second option if structured conversation isn't your thing: there will be a table with art supplies in the multipurpose space to make Ecclesiastes-inspired art or greeting cards.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and ear speaker from the sound booth.

2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils in your hearing aids. (You do not need a receiver or head phones.) Talk to someone in the sound booth if you are having issues receiving the signal.