

Mennonite Church of Normal
Fourth Sunday of Easter
4.25.21

FOCUS: According to Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is a transformed reality one enters in this life. It is an “On earth, as it is in heaven” experience. Jesus told a story to explain the Kingdom of Heaven, in which a King invites many to a banquet. If we come to the banquet with a desire for healing and wholeness, we are transformed by God’s amazing grace.

Gathering in God’s Presence

Prelude	Elsa Raab
Welcome/Congregational Life	Marge Weaver
Call to Worship (VT 886 modified)	Marge
We praise you, God—	
in the sanctuary of our homes	
and under the sun and stars;	
for your greatness	
and for your goodness;	
with loud hymns	
and quiet prayers;	
with helping hands and dancing feet;	
with all our breaths	
and with all creation;	
We praise you, God.	
Amen.	

Praising the Name of Jesus

Songs of Praise	VT #100 Praise Him, Praise Him
	VT #511 Come on Children, to the Gospel Feast
Prayer	Marge

Hearing God’s Word

Invitation to Children	VT #512 Let the Children Come to Me
Children’s Time	Louise Reeser
Invitation to Hear	VT #405 Listen to the Word
Scripture	Matthew 22:1-14 Ryan Miller
Sermon	<i>On earth, as it is in heaven</i> Pastor Gary Martin

Receiving God’s Grace

Response Song	VT #170 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Witnessing, Sharing and Prayer	Meredith Schroeer

Sent in the Spirit’s Power

Sending Song	VT #834 Thuma mina (Send Me, Lord)
Benediction	Marge
Postlude	Elsa