

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

February 16, 2025

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Jonathan Neufeld

Speaker: Pamela Obonde

Scripture Reader: Andy Ahn

Song Leader: Bob Wiebe

Children's Time: Emily Rempel

Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Ushers: Sheila & Vern Klassen-Wiebe

Technician: Mike Smith

More than a Prophet

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Song of Praise: VT 428 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Welcome and Introductions

Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: VT 159 *Kwake Yesu nasimama*

HEARING THE WORD

Time for All God's Children

Song: VT 540 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Scripture: Luke 7:18-35

Sermon: "Should I look for another?"

Song of Response: VT 412 *My Soul Cries Out*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sharing and Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves

Sending Song: VT 833 *Let Us Depart with Your Blessing*

Sending Blessing

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Luke 7:18-35 ~ *Messengers from John the Baptist*

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and

had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' (And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'