

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

March 9, 2025

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

Worship Leader: Laura Thiessen

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Children's Time: Julia Thiessen

Song Leader: Alisa Wiebe

Ushers: Charlotte Martens & Trevor De Ryck

Pianist: Caroline Klassen

Lent 1: The Good Samaritan, Jesus at Mary and Martha's

Christ Confronts our Bias

GATHERING

Prelude

Song: VT 30 *Jesus Calls Us*

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship

One: Christ confronts our bias. Who will follow Christ?

**Many: We will follow,
but we confess that sometimes we want it to be our way.**

One: Jesus says, "Follow me."

Many: We will follow, but sometimes we want it to be on our terms.

One: Christ confronts our prejudices.

**Many: Grant us, O God, the compassion, the empathy,
the grace and mercy that only come from you.**

All: Guide us as we worship you.

Song: VT 131 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-42

Sermon: "Follow Your Spleen"

RESPONDING

Confession and Words of Assurance

**All: Loving and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you.**

Window side: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words,
and actions.

Piano side: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and
what we have chosen to neglect.

Window side: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have
not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Piano side: We cling to our assumptions and insist that our point of
view is the correct one.

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please
help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our
biases and assumptions so we may better share your peace in your
world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.**

Moment of silence

Leader: Now hear these Words of Assurance: God tells us that we are
created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God
and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our
relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Song: VT 527 *Bless the Arms That Comfort*

Generosity Spotlight

Offering of Ourselves

Sharing (livestream muted) and Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Song: VT 568 *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*

Benediction

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