

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

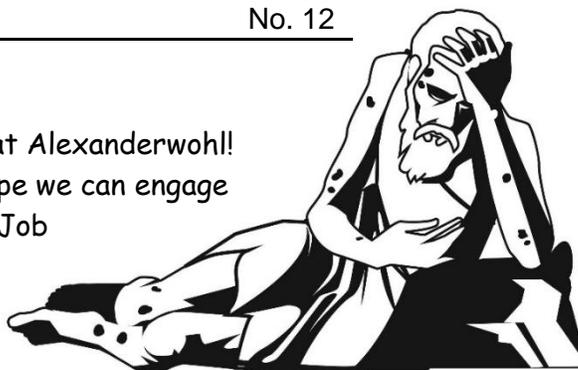
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Welcome!

Welcome at a distance to this unusual worship service at Alexanderwohl! We welcome you from wherever you're watching and hope we can engage together in worship and fellowship! As we continue our Job series, we hear Job questioning God with brutal honesty about his plight. We also learn that God is big enough for our questions and doubts.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship and Invocation

God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you. (peace lamp)
A flame of love to our families and friends, (first candle)
A flame of love to our neighbors, (second candle)
A flame of love to our enemies, (third candle)
Light a flame of love in our hearts to all, (fourth candle)
From the lowliest thing that lives,
To the Name that is highest of all. Amen.

Instrumental Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HWB 37

Confession and Assurance

(Psalm 130:1-2, 5-6)

- 1: I cry out to you from the depths, Lord
2: My Lord, listen to my voice!
1: Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!
2: I hope, Lord
1: My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.
2: My whole being waits for my Lord—
1: More than the night watch waits for morning;
All: Yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

Hymn of Confession

From the Depths

HWB 136

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Job 7:17-21, 10:2-9

Reflection

"Job's harsh words with God"

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response

O Thou, in whose Presence

HWB 559

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

Benediction

Romans 8:38-39

Pastor Caleb

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

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Questions for Reflection:

1. Are you shocked by the way that Job speaks to God? What can Job teach us about prayer?
2. How do you understand God's role in suffering or hardship?
3. How are you finding hope and strength in this uncertain time with the new coronavirus?

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We pray for ourselves, our family members and loved ones wherever they are, for health, safety and well-being.
- ❖ We pray for our members and loved ones in nursing homes that are on "lock-down". May they know God's comfort and presence in this uncertain time. We pray for the employees who are caring for these residents. May they know God's strength and blessing as they offer steadfast care and love.
- ❖ We pray for John Fast and the faculty and staff of Goessel schools. We pray for all who are making difficult decisions about how to respond and provide for the education of our students for the remainder of this school year. May God grant them wisdom and creativity.
- ❖ We pray for young Braxton Church and his family; they received disappointing news this week of medical services now not available that they had been counting on. God grant them your peace that passes all understanding.
- ❖ We pray for leaders at local, state and national levels who are making decisions about the safety of all citizens. May God grant them compassion and clarity.
- ❖ We pray for those whose work demands that they be among people – healthcare workers, food service providers, child-care providers, many others who don't have the option of working from home. May they be given strength and safety.
- ❖ We pray for those who don't have the resources that allow them to stay at home. May God's Spirit of generosity and love move in our midst.

Here's an idea for a project while you're home – write notes of love and encouragement to nursing home residents. Contact the church office if you'd like a list.

Thank you, AMC church friends for the many prayers, cards, thoughts and phone calls on behalf of my brother Clifford Unruh that passed. God bless you ~Margie Young

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