

MANHATTAN MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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SEEKING THE PEACE OF THE CITY!

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship recognizes that we are located in Lenapehoking, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Lenape people. Specifically, we are located on Munsiland, a Manhattan tribe of the Lenape people. We acknowledge the Lenape community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. We make this acknowledgement as part of our ongoing work to dismantle the legacies of settler colonialism and white supremacy.

Silent reflection

¹ Pablo Picasso, Hands Entwined III

COMING INTO CHRIST'S PRESENCE

We gather to listen to the words of the One who is Love.
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

We gather to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.
We gather to praise the Prince of Peace who transforms
weapons of war into garden tools.

We bless You and ask Your Spirit to stir peace in our hearts.
Come, let us worship!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

Silent reflection

CALL to DISCIPLESHIP²

[“Your role in creating change through nonviolent direct action”](#)

FROM MMF COVENANT³

God is the focus of our worship. We gather to seek new ways to know God, sharing our individual perceptions of God. Christ is our model for relationships with God and others. Jesus calls us to renounce many of the values of our society. In response, we commit ourselves to simplicity, reconciliation and a community of faith. The Holy Spirit empowers us to question and change our lives to more clearly reflect our faith.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING



Alisa Art. 4

² A resource from Mennonite Mission Network

³ [“https://manhattanmennonite.org/manhattan-mennonite-fellowship-covenant/](https://manhattanmennonite.org/manhattan-mennonite-fellowship-covenant/)

SCRIPTURE**Matthew 26:47-56 (NRSV)**

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁴ Picasso, peace dove

MESSAGE

Antiviolent peacemaking

PRAYER for OFFERING

SHARING PEACE

INTROS & ANNOUNCEMENT

JOYS & CONCERNS

COMMON PRAYER

Holy One: Your kindom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Nourish us with bread that sustains body and soul. Transform us into a forgiven and forgiving people, a loving and beloved community; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, both personal and systemic. For yours is the kindom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

SENDING SONG

BLESSING

You send us into the world.
And in your sending your words are comfort:
“I am with you.”
Go in peace.
Go in love.
Amen.

