



Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Northern Delegate Sessions Worship

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Morning Worship

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, the ground is covered in light-colored soil or sand, with numerous long, thin shadows of trees cast across it from the left. In the background, there is a dense stand of tall, thin trees, likely pine trees, with their trunks and branches visible against a bright sky.

Brethren, we have met to worship

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And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior,
Tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,
 Let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners,
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
 At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us
 With sweet manna all around.

The background of the image is a dense field of tall, dry grasses, likely reeds, swaying in a light breeze. The grasses are a golden-brown color. Above the grasses, the sky is a uniform, hazy grey, suggesting an overcast day or perhaps a misty atmosphere. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Confession

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, the ground is covered in light-colored soil with several long, dark shadows cast across it, likely from nearby trees. In the middle ground, there is a dense stand of tall, thin trees, possibly pine or similar coniferous trees, standing in a grid-like pattern. The background shows more of the forest and some bright sunlight breaking through the canopy.

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away for your presence, Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

A photograph of a vast field of tall, golden-brown grasses or reeds. The grasses are densely packed and appear to be moving in the wind, creating a sense of motion. The background is a soft, hazy sky, suggesting either dawn, dusk, or a misty day. The overall atmosphere is serene and pastoral.

Psalm 87

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, the ground is covered in bright sunlight, with long, dark shadows of the trees stretching across it. The trees themselves are tall and thin, with light-colored trunks and sparse green foliage at the top. The perspective is looking down a path or clearing in the forest.

Ride on King Jesus!

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No one can hinder him!
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Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-23

Leader: The word of the Lord:
People: Thanks be to God



Words of Institution The First Element

A photograph of a forest scene. The foreground is covered in light-colored, sandy soil with several small, thin trees scattered across it. In the background, there is a dense stand of tall, slender trees, likely pine or similar coniferous trees, extending towards a bright horizon. The lighting suggests a sunny day, with long shadows cast by the trees onto the ground.

Eat this bread

Eat this bread
Drink this cup

Come to me and never be hungry

Eat this bread
Drink this cup

Trust in me and you will not thirst



Prayers for wisdom
and presence of the Holy Spirit

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, the ground is covered in a light-colored, sandy soil. Numerous tall, thin trees, likely pine or similar coniferous trees, stand in rows across the frame. The trees cast long, dark shadows onto the ground, creating a rhythmic pattern. The background shows more of the same forest extending into the distance under a clear sky.

Spirit of the Living God

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Fall afresh on us

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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us

Spirit of the Living God

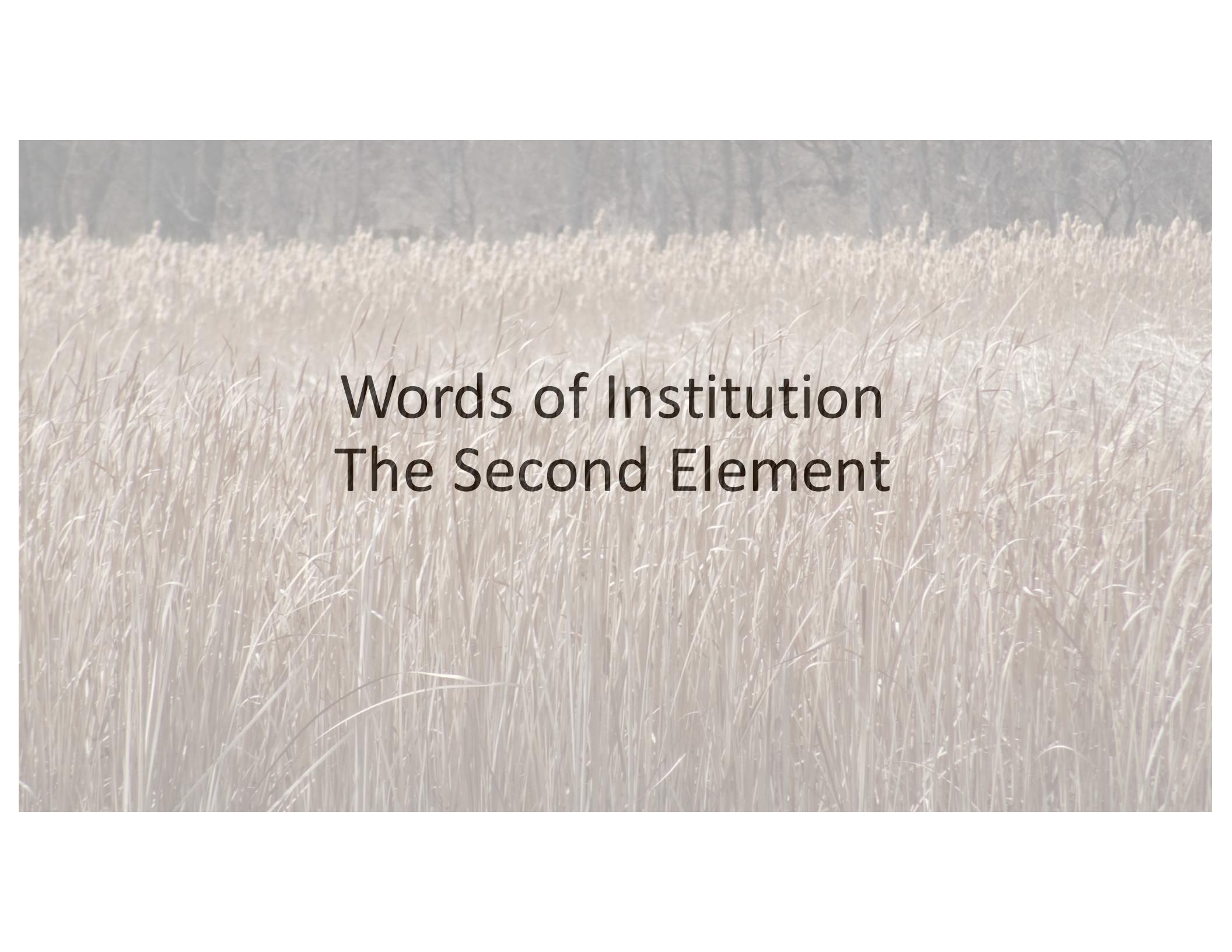
Fall afresh on us



Blessing for the day



Afternoon Worship



Words of Institution The Second Element

A photograph of a forest scene. The foreground is a light-colored, possibly sandy or dry soil surface. Numerous tall, thin trees, likely young pine trees, stand in rows, creating a grid-like pattern. The trees are mostly bare, with some sparse green needles visible at the tops. Long, sharp shadows of the trees are cast onto the ground to the right, indicating a low sun angle. The background shows more of the same forest extending into the distance under a clear blue sky.

Thou true Vine

Thou true vine that heals the nations,
Tree of life thy branches we.
They who leave thee fade and wither;
None bear fruit except in thee.
Cleanse us, make us sane and simple,
Till we merge our lives with thine,
Gain ourselves in thee, the vintage,
Give ourselves through thee, the vine.

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, the ground is covered in light-colored soil with several small, thin trees or saplings scattered across it. Long, dark shadows of these trees are cast onto the ground to the right. In the background, there is a dense stand of tall, straight trees, likely pine or similar coniferous trees, extending towards a bright sky.

Closing Hymn
Heart with loving heart united

Heart with loving heart united,
met to know God's holy will.

Let his love in us ignited
more and more our spirits fill.

He the Head, we are his members;
we reflect the light he is.

He the Master, we disciples,
he is ours an we are his.

May we all so love each other
and all selfish claims deny,
so that each one for the other
will not hesitate to die.

Even so our Lord has loved us;
for our lives he gave his life.

Still he grieves and still he suffers,
for our selfishness and strife.

Since, O Lord, you have demanded
that our lives your love should show
so we wait to be commanded
forth into your world to go.
Kindle in us love's compassion
so that ev'ryone may see
in our faith and hope the promise
of a new humanity.

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