

New Covenant Fellowship

March 1, 2026

The God of the Impossible

by Pastor Melissa



Abraham dared to trust God to do what only God could do:
raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing.
When everything was hopeless...

Romans 4:17

ORDER OF SERVICE

I Waited

Welcome (Kathy KG)

How Can I Keep From Singing

Your Steadfast Love

Prayer (Paige Weston)

Great is the Lord

Romans 4:1-3, 13-24 (Jim and Barbara Linder)

Isaiah 43

Teaching (Pastor Melissa)

We Believe in God

I Will Trust in You

Benediction (Vern Fein)

Jude Benediction

BENEDICTION

God, help us during these days of Lent,
To come close to you and to listen to your voice.
Give us strength to overcome the temptation
to please ourselves and live life without you.

Teach us your way.

Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Book Group— Renee will lead a 5-week book discussion of **The Cross and the Lynching Tree** starting Thursday March 5- April 2, 7pm-8:30ish, location TBA. Contact her to join in! It's not too late to read **Journey: 40 Day Lenten Devotional** alongside your pastors. Check out the **NCF library** for these and other resources.

Leadership Team— In our 2/24 Zoom mtg, we reflected on how bearing each other's load as a fellowship makes our difficulties bearable and how we are serving our community with upcoming events. [Read summary here.](#)

Whistle Kit Party! — Sat, March 7, 1-4pm, faith communities will meet at NCF to assemble Whistle Kits to help our immigrant community. Help host and participate! Check weekly newsletter for Sharons email.

City of Champaign— Support Reparations in our community by reaching out to your Champaign City Council. They are getting ready to decide whether to join and fund a Champaign County Reparations Commission for African Americans. For more info or a sample letter (where you can include NCF's action), contact Lee Ann Kelly her contact information can be found on the weekly newsletter

Circles of Repair— First Mennonite, NCF, and Bethel AME are convening story circles to facilitate cross-racial, intergenerational conversation focused on the meaning and mechanisms of reparations for Black residents of Champaign County. Let Renee know if you would like to participate!

Prayer for Lobos— "Thank you so much for every way you partner with us in our work, and thank you for being able to share these prayer petitions with you." -Leo & Renee Lobo [Full prayer notes here.](#)

Upcoming Events:

3/2	Renee returns from working remote
3/5 - 4/2	Thursday book study, 7pm
3/7	Whistle Kit Party, 1-4p
3/8	Prayer in library 9:45-10:15a
3/22	Prayer in library 9:45-10:15a
3/29	Fellowship Meal
4/3	Winter Shelter ends

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