

Assembly Mennonite Church

Epiphany

January 8, 2023



Gathering

VT 275 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Call to worship

VT 276 Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets

Peace Lamp

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another

People: For God is love and love casts out fear

Offering ourselves and our gifts

Offering

Birthdays

Hearing the Word

Children's Time (*Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's Time in room 2, with childcare afterward. Children 4 and up are invited up front for Children's time*)

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

Responding to the Word

VT 441 Crashing Waters at Creation

Sharing our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements (*Please deliver written announcements to the worship leader before this time*)

VT 273 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Benediction

Participants: Worship Leader: Michael Miller, Song Leader: Karen Graber Roth, Musicians: Patricia Nuyken, Wilma Harder; Preacher: Stephen Lowe, Children's Time: Anna Yoder Schlabach, Sound: Ben Good-Elliott, Patrick Coonan; Pastoral Prayer: Scott Coulter

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils in your hearing aids. (You do not need a receiver or headphones.) If you aren't getting great reception on your hearing aid, try moving closer to the middle of the circle. There is a map at the sound booth showing where the best seats are.

Join us second hour:

In an ongoing effort to be a fully welcoming congregation to queer and transgender folks, we'll be showing the first part of a webinar called "A Name Greater, A Christian and Transgender Training." It is produced by Father Shannon Kearney, a transgender ordained priest, playwright, theologian and creator of Queer Theology. While some of it may be review, we are aware that the work of inclusion is ongoing and ever-changing and all of us have more to learn.

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM 9.8.10.9.8.10 with refrain

G C

1 O beau-ti-ful star of Beth-le-hem, shi-ning a - far through shad-ows
2 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim through the
3 O beau-ti-ful star, the hope of rest for the re-deemed, the good, and

G Em D A/E D/F#

dim, giv-ing a light for those who long have gone, (have gone,)
night, o - ver the moun-tain till the break of dawn; (the dawn;)
blest, yon-der in glo - ry when the crown is won; (is won,)

G C

and guid-ing the trav-lers on their way un - to the place where Je - sus
and in - to the light of per-fect day it will give out a love-ly
for Je - sus is now that Star di-vine; bright-er and bright-er he will

G A7/E D7 G C G

lay; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)
ray; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)
shine; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

Refrain O beau-ti-ful star D G of Beth - le - hem, C

Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful star, star of Beth - le -

G Em D A/E D/F#

shine up-on us un-til the glo - ry dawn;
hem, shine up-on us un-til the glo - ry, glo - ry dawn;

G C

oh, give us your light to light the way in-to the land of per-fect

G A7/E D7 G C G

day; beau-ti-ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

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SINGING JOY TO THE WORLD 7.5.8.7.8.6 with refrain



1 Sol - emn still - ness— wea - ry streets strain to grasp the
 2 We are shep - herds in the fields, watch - ing in the
 3 Crush - ing fears are met with joy; sor - row's curse is



sound. In the qui - et breathes an an - them o - ver
 night. We are mor - tals, we are bear - ers, search - ing
 torn. Hear the mu - sic, fling your load down, and un -



dark and thorn - y ground. Rocks and plains re - peat the
 for a per - fect light. Hur - ry, hur - ry! Sing the
 bend your tir - ed form. These bright hours cir - cle



ech - o; splen - dor floods the star - lit morn. We are won - ders,
 glo - ry! Bring the gold and bit - ter myrrh of our car - ols:
 round us, let the gen - tle wings un - furl. Swift and sweet - ly

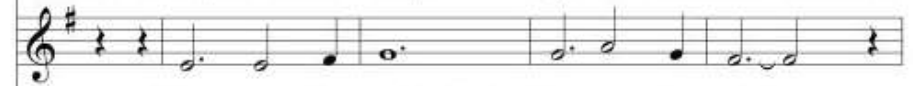


bles - ed won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world. (to verse 2)
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing - ing joy to the world. (to refrain)
 down the road - side, sing - ing joy to the world. (to refrain)

Refrain C Am7 G D



2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy to the world! We are
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy to the world! Swift and



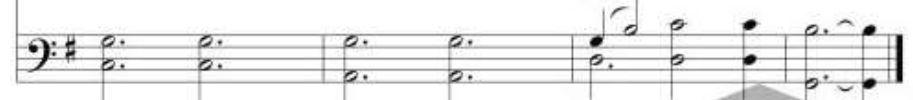
2 Joy to the world! (Joy!) Joy to the world!
 3 Joy to the world! (Joy!) Joy to the world!



won - ders, bless - ed won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world.
 sweet - ly down the road - side, sing - ing joy to the world.



Won - ders, sing - ing joy to the world.
 Swift and sweet - ly joy to the world.



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441 Crashing Waters at Creation

RESTORATION (I WILL ARISE) 8.7.B.7

Fm Ab

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

D \flat /A \flat A \flat /C E \flat A \flat C7/E Fm

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, source of

E \flat A \flat Fm D \flat Cm7 Fm

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
chains of bond - age - chan - nel to a life made new.
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

For capo chords, see #300.

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Music: American traditional (USA), *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Charles H. Webb

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FESTAL SONG SM

Descant, verse 4

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise up!

A D A D B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

A D Bm E D Esus E7 A

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

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