

**Assembly Mennonite Church**  
**Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**  
**February 5, 2023**

**Gathering**

VT 22 What Is This Place  
Welcome, Call to Worship  
VT 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

**Confessing and Reconciling**

Peace Lamp  
Leader: Beloved, let us love one another  
**People: For God is love and love casts out fear**  
Offering VT 762 This Little Light of Mine  
Confession Liturgy VT 901

**Telling God's Story**

Birthday Recognition  
Children's time  
Scripture: Numbers 5:6-8; Luke 19:5-9  
Sermon

**Responding & Sharing our Stories**

VT 297 You Are Salt for the Earth  
Sharing and Pastoral Prayer  
Introduction of Visitors

**Sending**

Announcements (*Please give oral announcements to the worship leader in writing before this time*)  
Benediction  
VT 827 Move in Our Midst

Thanks to: Small Group Cherry. Worship Leaders: Scott Janzen, Lisa Kauffman, Ben Sywulka, Rylan Miller, Maria Renee Martinez; Song Leader: Karissa Miller; Musicians: Anne Horst Hanby, Eliza Miller, Levi Miller, Roy Kauffman, Alice Kauffman, Lia Sywulka, Maia Sywulka; Peace Lamp: Jason Kauffman; Scripture Readers: Eli Kauffman, Safia Sywulka; Children's time: Christa Janzen, Norah Janzen, Sadie Janzen; Sermon: Rich Meyer; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech Crew: Jenna Martin and Ben Good-Elliott

Visuals: We are borrowing The Blessing Quilt, from Shipshewana created by Rebecca Harrer. Read more about it on the table in the gathering space.

We are also borrowing Sharon Hoogstraten's large Potawatomi portraits from her series, "Dancing for My Tribe." We encourage you to read about the people in each portrait on the table in the gathering space.

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**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.

# What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG 9.8.9.8.9.6.6

C F C G F C

1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

G C F C G

earth its floor, walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed. Names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

F C G C F G

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that  
 sent from the past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
 we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

C G C D7 G F G C

lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing Word.  
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

## 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry  
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,  
 5 For each per - fect gift and sign to this world so

of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny  
 par - ent, child, friends on earth and friends a - bove,  
 free - ly giv'n; grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 sun and moon and stars of light:  
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to  
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 love u - nit - ing earth and heav'n:

thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

For a lower key, see "As with Gladness" (#277).

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint (England), *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864, alt.Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

# This Little Light of Mine

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (civil rights song) Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♪-♪-♪

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

*Additional stanzas:*

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!  
 Jesus gave it to me . . .  
 Shine, shine, shine . . .

Text: African American traditional (USA), ca. 20th c.

Music: African American traditional, ca. 20th c.

Confesemos nuestro pecado contra Dios y su creación respondiendo a la frase, En tu misericordia, <b>escucha nuestra oración.</b>	Let us confess our sin against God and creation, saying, In your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
Perdónanos, Dios, por nuestra indiferencia ante la destrucción de la naturaleza; por nuestra ambición por las ganancias desmedidas, sin respeto a la vida. En tu misericordia, <b>escucha nuestra oración.</b>	Forgive us God, for our indifference to the destruction of wildlife, for the greedy search for profit with no respect for life. In your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
Perdónanos, Dios, por nuestra violencia contra la tierra; por nuestro silencio ante los bosques devastados y los ríos contaminados. En tu misericordia, <b>escucha nuestra oración.</b>	Forgive us God, for the violence against the earth, for our silence before devastated forests and contaminated rivers. In your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
Perdónanos, Dios, por nuestra sed voraz de consumir, sin tener en cuenta a las generaciones futuras; por nuestra fijación en el presente, sin tener en cuenta el mañana. En tu misericordia, <b>escucha nuestra oración.</b>	Forgive us God, for our voracious thirst to consume without a thought of future generations, for our fixation on the present without thinking of tomorrow. In your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
Perdónanos, Dios, <i>(Añadir oraciones específicas para su context.)</i> En tu misericordia, <b>escucha nuestra oración.</b>	Forgive us God, <i>(Add prayers specific to local context.)</i> In your mercy, <b>hear our prayer.</b>
Dios, perdónanos por nuestra arrogancia en pensar que somos el centro del universo. Perdónanos por olvidar nuestro lugar en la creación. <b>En tu misericordia, enséñanos a amar a tus criaturas, y cuidar de la vida en todas sus manifestaciones. Amén.</b>	Forgive our arrogance, God, when we place ourselves at the center of your universe. Forgive us when we forget our place in creation. <b>In your mercy, teach us to love your creatures and to care for life in all its forms. Amen.</b>

# You Are Salt for the Earth

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM Irregular

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Leader

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple,  
 4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,

G D/F# (♯) A D G Leader D/F#  
 All

salt for the king-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
 light for the ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
 bring forth the king-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
 bound for the king-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and

(♯) A D G D/F# (♯) A D  
 All

life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
 bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
 love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain G D/F# (♯) A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

(♯) A D G D/F# (♯) A D

king-dom of peace. Bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# (♯) A D G D/F# (♯) A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!



## Move in Our Midst

PINE GLEN 9.9.9.9

Capo 1: (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (Am) (Em) (G)  
 Db Ab Db Gb Ab Bbm Fm Ab

1 Move in our midst, thou Spir - it of God. Go with us  
 2 Touch thou our hands to lead us a - right. Guide us for -  
 3 Strike from our feet the fet - ters that bind. Lift from our  
 4 Kin - dle our hearts to burn with thy flame. Raise up thy

down from thy ho - ly hill. Walk with us through the  
 ev - er, show us thy way. Trans - form our dark - ness  
 lives the weight of our wrong. Teach us to love with  
 ban - ners high in this hour. Stir us to build new

storm and the calm. Spir - it of God, go thou with us still.  
 in - to thy light. Spir - it of God, lead thou us to - day.  
 heart, soul, and mind. Spir - it of God, thy love makes us strong.  
 worlds in thy name. Spir - it of God, O send us thy pow'r!

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.