

## Gathering

VT 636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Call to Worship

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

If you have, then you are in the right place,

for this is God's house.

Hope lives here.

**So, come. Rest your weary bones.**

Let us worship Holy God.

Welcome & Recognition of Birthdays

VT 550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Peace Lamp

Beloved, let us love one another,

**For God is love and love casts out fear**

Offering - VT 368 Spirit of Life

## Confessing & Reconciling

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus of Nazareth,**

**I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.**

**I forget that you, too, have wept.**

**I forget that you, too, have lost.**

**I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,**

**have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.**

**Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.**

**Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that  
you could never feel what I feel.**

**Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of  
space between us.**

**Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.**

**Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you.**

**With gratitude I pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

VT 673 Our God in Heaven

## Telling God's Story

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Children's Time – John 11:1-45 (Be Still and Know)

*Children 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's Time in Room 2, with  
childcare afterward. Those 4 and up are invited to the front.*

Sermon

## Responding & Sharing Our Stories

Anointing (VT 644 Healer of Our Every Ill; VT 645 Anointing Fall on Me;

VT 682 Lord, Listen to Your Children)

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Introducing Visitors and Announcements (*Please get oral announcements to  
the worship leader in writing before this time*)

## Sending

VT 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Jeannette Hughes; Song Leader: Karen Graber Roth; Musicians: Patricia Nuyken; Peace Lamp: Philipp Gollner; Scripture Reader: Paul Keim; Children's Time: Lois Kauffman; Sermon: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Pastoral Sharing and Prayer: Stephen Lowe; Tech Crew: Eric Kaufmann, Glenn Gilbert; Visuals: see back

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## Second Hour

Communion: Worship Space

Poetry Prompts: Multipurpose Table (self-led)

Coming Up in Eastertide:

Apr 6 Maundy Thursday, 6 pm: Feast & Footwashing (sign up in  
gathering space)

Apr 7 Good Friday, 7 pm: Service with Faith Mennonite

April 8 Easter Vigil, 2:30 pm and 4 pm

## 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 an 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.) Talk to someone in the sound booth if you are having issues receiving the signal.

### [Artist's statement:](#)

#### **Unbind Him**

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by John 11:1-45

Paper lace over oil paint on linen



Focus your camera phone on this image and then click on the link to read the Artist's statement.

## Lent 2023: Seeking



Lent 5: Can these bones live?  
March 26, 2023

Assembly Mennonite Church

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WILD MOUNTAIN THYME 7.8.6.8 with refrain

Capo 1: (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D) (G) (A)  
 Refrain: B♭/C F B♭/F F F B♭ C

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 F B♭ C Dm

liv - ing. As you love, may I love, in re -

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)  
 B♭ F/A Gm7 B♭/C F B♭/F F

ceiv - ing and in giv-ing; Spir-it, o - pen my heart.

*Fine*

(G/A) (D) (G/D) (D)  
 B♭/C F B♭/F F

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep, share the

(G) (A) (D) (G) (A)  
 B♭ C F B♭ C

heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, — word, and  
 joy of friend and neigh-bor. As I live from day to

(Bm) (G) (D/F#) (Em7)  
 Dm B♭ F/A Gm7

fear deed, day, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
 love will be my fin - est la - bor.

*To refrain*

# 550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

EARTHRISE 8.5.8.5

D A/C# G/B D/A G A D

1 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.  
 2 Like your springs and run - ning wa - ter, make me crys - tal pure.  
 3 Like your danc - ing waves in sun - light, make me glad and free.  
 4 Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, lift my thoughts a - bove.  
 5 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.

Bm D/A G D/F# Em A7 D

With your Spir - it re - cre - ate me pure and strong and true.  
 Like your rocks of tow - ring gran - deur, make me strong and sure.  
 Like the straight - ness of the pine trees, let me up - right be.  
 Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.  
 Keep me ev - er, by your Spi - rit, pure and strong and true.

Text: Mary S. Edgar (Canada), 1925, alt.  
 Music: Alfred V. Fedak (USA), 1968, © 1989 Sacred Music Press



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# Spirit of Life

SPIRIT OF LIFE 8.12.8.12.8.10

C Dm7 G C Am Dm7

Spir - it of Life, come un - to me. Sing in my heart all the

G7 C F G/F Em

stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Am Dm7 G7 C F

move in the hand, giv - ing life the shape of jus - tice. Roots hold me close;

G/F Em Am Dm7 G C

wings set me free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

Text: Carolyn McDade (USA)  
 Music: Carolyn McDade; harm. Grace Lewis-McLaren (USA), alt., harm. © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association  
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# 673 Our God in Heaven

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LORD'S PRAYER (MILLER) Irregular

Our God in heav-en, ho - ly is your

name, your reign come, your will done, on earth as in

heav-en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread, and

help us for-give, as we have been for - giv - en.

In the time of tri-al, lead us in - to light, for yours is the

king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for - ev

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er. Our God in heav-en, ho - ly is your

name, ho - ly is your name.



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644 Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL Irregular

Refrain D Em7/D G/DA/D D Bm Bm7/A G A F#m7

Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row, give us

Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m/A G

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, how your grace is  
3 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F# G Bm A/C# G/B A *To refrain*

peace and glad - ness. Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing. Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen (USA), 1986, *Gather*, 1988  
Music: Marty Haugen, 1986, *Gather*, 1988  
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645 Anointing Fall on Me

ANOINTING FALL ON ME Irregular

G13 Em7 Am7 Dm G13 Bm7b5/F

A - noint - ing fall on me. A -

Em7 Am7 Dm G13

noint - ing fall on me. Let the

Gm7 C7 Fmaj9 Bb9

pow - er of the Ho - ly Ghost fall on me.

Dm11 Cmaj7 Dm7 G13 C

A - noint - ing fall on me.

Text: Donn C. Thomas (USA)  
Music: Donn C. Thomas; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (USA), arr. © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.  
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# 602 Lord, Listen to Your Children

CHILDREN PRAYING 9.8.9.9

D D7 C/G G

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,

E7 A7

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

D D7 C/G G G#dim7

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us

D/A A7 G7 D

love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



# 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

McRAE 8.7.8.7

Em Am B Em

1 Ask the com- pli - cat - ed ques - tions; do not  
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers; fol - low  
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as, test as -  
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er truth both

G D G C D G Am Bm

fear to be found out, for our God makes strong our  
 where the Spir - it blows, test com - pet - ing truths for  
 sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from shores of  
 sim - ple and pro - found: in the knock - ing, ask - ing,

Am C Em/B B Em

weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
 wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
 won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
 seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.