Gathering

VT 549 Be Thou My Vision Call to Worship Scripture is full of questions... Where are you? Am I my brother's keeper? Whom shall I send? Who do you say that I am? Who sinned? How many times shall I forgive? If God is for us, who can be against us? Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space. Let us ask and seek after our merciful God. Welcome & Recognition of Birthdays VT 557 Spirit of God! Descend Peace Lamp Offering - VT 582 My Love Colors Outside the Lines

Confessing & Reconciling

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Amen.

VT 673 Our God in Heaven

Telling God's Story

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Children's Time - John 9:1-41

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

VT 737 Breathe on Me, Breath of God Sharing & Pastoral Prayer Introducing Visitors Announcements (Please get oral announcements to the worship leader in writing before this time)

Sending

VT 811 Use Us, God Benediction

Thanks to: Song Leader: Jenna Martin; Musicians: Beverly Lapp; Peace Lamp: Barb Hassan; Children's time: Michael Miller; Sermon: Steve Wolma; Sharing & pastoral prayer: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Tech Crew: Glenn Gilbert, Phil Good-Elliott; Worship Leader: Becky Snider; Visuals: See back. Prayers adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC

Second Hour: Congregational meeting Coming up in Lent:

Wed, March 22nd, 6:00 pm, evening meal and Evensong service Maundy Thursday, Apr 6, 6:00 pm, Sign up in the Gathering space.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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

<u>1. FM system.</u> 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:

SON, RISE by T. Denise Anderson Inspired by John 9: 1-7 Oil on canvas

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Lent 2023: Seeking

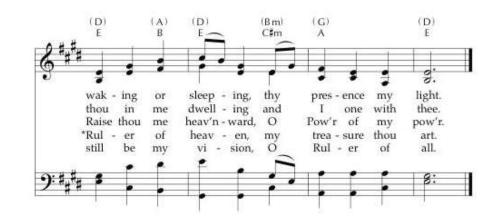


Lent 4: Who sinned? March 19, 2023 Assembly Mennonite Church



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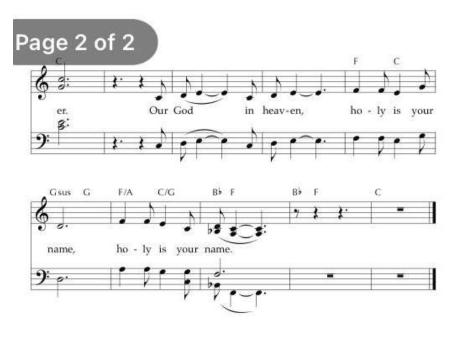
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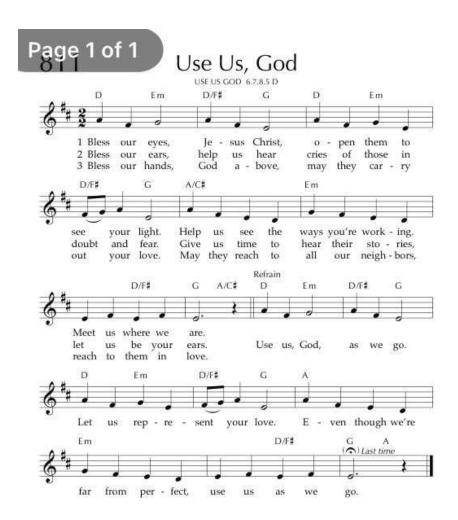
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