

## 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.**

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**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

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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.

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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 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.

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

#### **SON, RISE**

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



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

Lent 2023: Seeking



Lent 4: Who sinned?

March 19, 2023

Assembly Mennonite Church

# 549 Be Thou My Vision

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SLANE 10.10.9.10

Capo 2: (D) (G) (D) (Bm) (A) (D)  
E A E C#m B E

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;  
3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.  
4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;  
5 \*True Light of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

(A) (Em) (A) (Bm) (A)  
B F#m B C#m B

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.  
Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

(G) (D) (Bm) (G) (A)  
A E C#m A B

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,  
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.  
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

\*Alternate phrase: "High King"

Text: Irish traditional, "Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride," ca. 18th c.; trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (Ireland), *Éire*, Vol. 2, 1905, alt.  
Music: Irish traditional, *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs*, 1909; arr. Martin Shaw (England), *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931, alt.  
© 1927 Oxford University Press

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D)  
E B E C#m A E

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.  
Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
\*Rul - er of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Spirit of God! Descend

MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10

C G7 C F G7 C Am7 B

1 Spir - it of God! de - scend up - on my heart. Wean it from  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, Ho - ly One? All, all thine  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh. Teach me the  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

Em A7 G D7 G G7

earth, through all its puls - es move. Stoop to my weak - ness,  
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -  
 own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind. I see thy cross—there  
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing  
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

C F C F C/G G7 C

might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 tant, no op - ning skies, but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 call my heart to run. Oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find!  
 doubt, the re - bel sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - answered prayer.  
 heav'n-de-scend-ed dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

# 582 My Love Colors Outside the Lines

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MY LOVE COLOURS OUTSIDE THE LINES Irregular

Capo 3: (D)

(Dmaj7) (G) Fmaj7 Bb

1 My love \_\_\_\_\_ col-ors out-side the lines,  
 2 My Lord \_\_\_\_\_ col-ors out-side the lines,  
 3 My soul longs to col-or out-side the lines,

(A) (D) (Dmaj7) (G) C F Fmaj7 Bb

ex-plor-ing paths that few could ev-er find;  
 turns wounds to bless-ings, wa-ter in-to wine;  
 tear back the cur-tains, sun, come in and shine!

(Em) (A) Gm C

and takes me in-to plac-es where I've  
 and takes me in-to plac-es where I've  
 I want to walk be-yond the bound-'ries where I've

(D) (A/C#) (Bm) (A) (G) F C/E Dm C Bb

nev-er been be-fore, and o-pens doors to  
 nev-er been be-fore, and o-pens doors to  
 nev-er been be-fore, throw o-pen doors to

(A7) C7	(D) F	1 (G/D) (A/D) Bb/F C/F	2, 3 (Am7) (D7) Cm7 F7
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worlds out-side the lines.  
 worlds out-side the lines.  
 worlds out-side the lines.

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Refrain (G) (A) (D) (A/C#) Bb C F C/E

We'll nev-er walk on wa-ter if we're not pre-pared to drown:

(Bm) (F#m7) (G) (A7) Dm Am7 Bb C7

bod-y and soul need a soak-ing from

(D) (Am7) (D7) (G) F Cm7 F7 Bb

time to time. And we'll nev-er move the grave-

(A) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (F#m7) C F C/E Dm Am7

-stones if we're not pre-pared to die, and re-al-ize

(G) (A7) (D) Bb C7 F

there are worlds out-side the lines.

# 673 Our God in Heaven

LORD'S PRAYER (MILLER) Irregular

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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.

Text: based on Matthew 6:9-13; adapt. Mark A. Miller (USA) and Laurie Zelman (USA)  
 Music: Mark A. Miller  
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# 757 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM SM

Musical score for 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God' in 3/4 time, key of Bb. The score includes a treble and bass clef with chords and lyrics for four parts.

1 Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to yours in - cline,  
 4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what you so love, and do what you would do.  
 un - til with you, I will one will: to do and to en - dure.  
 till all this self - ish part of me glows with your fire di - vine.  
 but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch (England), *Between Doubt and Prayer*, 1878, alt;  
 Music: Robert Jackson (England), *Fifty Sacred Leaflets*, 1888

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# Use Us, God

USE US GOD 6.7.8.5 D

Musical score for 'Use Us, God' in 3/2 time, key of D. The score includes a treble clef with chords and lyrics for three parts.

1 Bless our eyes, Je - sus Christ, o - pen them to  
 2 Bless our ears, help us hear cries of those in  
 3 Bless our hands, God a - bove, may they car - ry

see your light. Help us see the ways you're work - ing.  
 doubt and fear. Give us time to hear their sto - ries,  
 out your love. May they reach to all our neigh - bors,

Refrain  
 Meet us where we are.  
 let us be your ears. Use us, God, as we go.  
 reach to them in love.

Let us rep - re - sent your love. E - ven though we're  
 far from per - fect, use us as we go.

Text: Jeremy Kempf (USA)  
 Music: Jeremy Kempf  
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