

Assembly Mennonite Church – April 23, 2023
Praise and Lament in the Psalms

Gathering

VT 78 -- O, for a Thousand Tongues

Welcome

VT 127 -- Bless the Lord, My Soul

Birthday recognition

Call to worship and body scan

Lighting of the Peace Lamp – Ukraine lament

Leader: Beloved let us love one another.

People: For God is love and love casts out fear.

VT 353 -- Now the Green Blade Rises

Offering ourselves and our gifts

VT 622 -- Jesus, Rock of Ages

Covenanting – Chris and Jim Stump

Telling God's Story

Children's time (Psalm 23 // VT 725)

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.

Prayer of Illumination – VT 911

Psalm 116

Sermon

Responding & Sharing our Stories

Response Music

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction to visitors/Announcements (*Please give announcements in writing to worship leader*)

VT 849 -- We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Jep Hostetler; Song Leader: Wesley Mast; Musicians: Bev Lapp, Kimberly Glick, Karen Graber Roth, Christa Janzen and Caleb Mast; Peace Lamp: Jep Hostetler; Scripture Reader: Joyce Hostetler; Children's time: Patricia Ebersole Zwier and Lora Nafziger; Sermon: Paul Keim; Pastoral prayer, body scan and visuals: Stephen Lowe; Tech Crew: Jenna Martin & Sean Smuts

Sunday School classes for children and youth (infants through 12th grade) immediately following first hour. Locations of classrooms by age/grade are posted in the Gathering Space.

2nd hour adult electives:

- **The Land is Not Empty book discussion—north side of MP space.** Led by Karl Shelly, we will discuss Sarah Augustine's important book, "The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery."
- **Some Assembly Required—west side of MP North.** This Assembly elective is for anyone who is new(ish) to Assembly - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works, and its unique practices and history. This week we will hear about the origins, and original vision, of Assembly, and how that vision continues today. Hosted by Scott Coulter. *To find it: Walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left (west) to go down the north hallway.*
- **Worship Training Elective—Worship space.** Join the worship committee for a hands-on worship elective. Learn to lead worship, lead singing, and plan a worship service. Intended for beginners or experienced folks who want to get better!

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.

78 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

LYNGHAM CM extended

G C G D7 G

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3 Glo - ry to God, and praise, and love be

D7 A7 D G D/A A D

great Re-deem-er's praise, my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 sist me to pro-claim, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 ev-er, ev-er giv'n, be ev-er, ev-er giv'n.

G D A7 D

the glo - ries of my God and King,
 to spread through all the earth a - broad
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove,



Text: Charles Wesley (England), 1739, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740
 Music: Thomas Jamman (England), *Sacred Music*, 1803

G C

the tri - umphs of his
 the hon - ors of thy
 the church in earth and

the tri - umphs of his
 the hon - ors of thy
 the church in earth and

his grace, the
 thy name, the
 and heav'n, the

G D G

grace, the tri - umphs of his grace, the
 name, the hon - ors of thy name, the
 heav'n, the church in earth and heav'n, the

tri - umphs of his grace, the tri - umphs of his
 hon - ors of thy name, the hon - ors of thy
 church in earth and heav'n, the church in earth and

C G Dsus D7 G

tri - umphs of his grace!
 hon - ors of thy name.
 church in earth and heav'n.

grace, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 name, the hon - ors of thy name.
 heav'n, the church in earth and heav'n.

127 Bless the Lord, My Soul (Tengo sed de ti / Bendiz o Senhor)

BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL Irregular

Ostinato Refrain

English: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
 Spanish: Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.
 Portuguese: Ben - diz o Se - nhor, lou - va o seu San - to no - me.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.
 Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.
 Ben - diz o Se - nhor, que a vi - da nos con - duz.

Spanish: I thirst for you, oh fount of love; your love is liberty.

Verses can be found in the accompaniment edition.

Text: based on Psalm 103:1, Taizé Community (France); Spanish text and Portuguese trans. Taizé Community
 Music: Jacques Berthier (France)
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333 Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET 11.11.10.11

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing he would nev - er wake and live a - gain,
 Je - sus, who for three days had in the grave had lain;
 Je - sus' touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, the liv - ing Christ is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John Macleod Campbell Crum (England), © 1928 Oxford University Press
 Music: French traditional, 15th c.; harm. James E. Clemens (USA), © 2001 James E. Clemens

Jesus, Rock of Ages

JESUS, ROCK OF AGES Irregular

Chords: C, Gm

Je - sus, Rock of ag - es, let me hide

Chords: Dm, Bb, F, C

my-self in thee. Je - sus, liv - ing Wa - ter,

Chords: Gm, Dm (Last time to Coda), Dm/C

let me drink from your flow - ing stream.

Chords: Bb, C, F, C/E

1 Your love comes pour - ing in my life,
2 Your love has been a firm foun - da - tion,

Chords: Dm, Eb, Bb, C

fills my heart till it o - ver-flows.
a sol - id rock that nev - er moves.

Chords: Bb, C, F

You re - vive my dy - ing spir - it till it
Your words of wis - dom will pro - tect me and -

Text: Jerry Desstine (JD Martin) (USA), 1973
Music: Jerry Desstine (JD Martin), 1973; arr. Marilyn Houser Hamm (Canada); harm. © 1991 Marilyn Houser Hamm and Jerry Desstine (JD Martin)
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Chords: Eb, Bb, G, C, To refrain

blos - soms and - grows.
guide me to the truth.

Chords: Gm, A, Dm

Let me drink from your flow - ing stream.

Living God,
by the power of your Spirit,
help us to hear your holy word,
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe;
and believing, we may follow
in faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises (Bon Berger, ton peuple t'adore)

ENDSLEIGH NEW 8.7.8.7 D

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (D)
F C F Dm Bb F C F

We, your peo-ple, sing your prais - es as to - geth - er we are sent
Bon Ber - ger, ton peu - ple t'a - do - re i - ci en mis - sion pour toi.

to re - veal your new cre - a - tion in the shad - ows of la - ment.
À tra - vers les la - men - ta - tions vient la nou - velle cré - a - tion.

Give us cour - age for the jour - ney, shep - herd Je - sus, be our guide;
Gui - de - nous sur ce voy - a - ge, et nous au - rons la pas - sion,

help us lead with hope and pas - sion till all things are re - con - ciled.
le cou - ra - ge, et l'es - pé - ran - ce pour la ré - con - ci - lia - tion.

(A) (D) Bm (G) (D) (A) (D)
C F Dm Bb F C F

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

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

