# Assembly Mennonite Church What is a Neighbor? June 4, 2023

#### **Gathering and Praising**

VT 6 Let's Walk Together
Welcome/ Introduction & Birthday Recognition
Call to worship

L: In the midst of coming and going from many places

P: We gather here in this place

L: Joining the praise of the summer's greening

P: We gather here in this place

L: Joining our stories with your Story

P: We gather here in this place

L: Open our voices to sing your praise and open our hearts to our neighbors

P: AMEN

VT 298 What Is the World Like

#### **Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness**

P: Trinity of Love, You are a community of love and you have made us in your image. You have commanded us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we are often too busy, too suspicious, too annoyed, too depleted. We lay down these burdens. And we ask that you bless us and make us a blessing, however large or small.

Words of Assurance adapted from John O'Donohue

L: "... take a breath and find what is unsolved in your heart.

Breathe in patience, breathe in love.

Love yourself bountifully.

And send that love out to [your neighbors].

When you send love out from the bountifulness of your own love, it reaches other people.

This love is the deepest power of prayer."

Peace Lamp

L: Beloved, let us love one another,

P: For God is love and love casts out fear

#### **Telling the Story**

Children's time

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

P: Spirit of Truth, you are ever speaking. Open our ears to listen. You summon us, compel us, nudge us. Open our hearts and minds to receive what you have for us this morning.

Luke 10:27-29 Neighbor story

#### **Offering Ourselves**

Senior "Mugging" Offering - VT 802 Draw the Circle Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

#### Sending

Introduction to visitors

Announcements (give announcements in writing to worship leader)

VT 810 Go, My Friends, in Grace

Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Steve Wolma; Song Leader: Jenna Martin; Musicians: Ana Yoder Coulter; Children's time: Julie Keim; Storytelling: Maynard Miller; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech Crew: Patrick Coonan & Merle Baker; Visuals: Mary Lehman Yoder & Karissa Miller

#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

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

 $\underline{\text{1. FM system.}}$  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.



Page 2 of 2 wel-come to this place. You're in sing-ing wel - come, A/C# ed to come and know God's grace. All are F# Bm9 E7 Amaj7 В E#/A# A wel come, the love of God to share, 'cause F#m7 C#m C#m7 all of us are wel-come here; F#m ( Last time all are wel - come in this place.

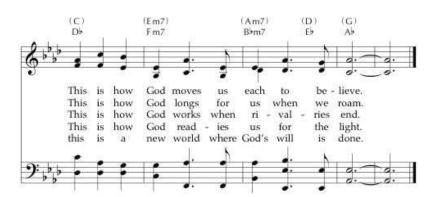
(\*) Last time



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\*Translation: Blessed be God

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