Assembly Mennonite Church What is a Neighbor? June 18, 2023

Gathering and Praising

VT 120 For the Beauty of the Earth 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

All: 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 we send love out from the bountifulness of our own love, it reaches other people.

This love is the deepest power of prayer."

Peace Lamp

Passing the Peace

L: Beloved, let us love one another,

All: 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

Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-28

Neighbor story

Offering Ourselves

Offering

VT 679 Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Responding & Sharing our Stories

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Welcoming visitors
Announcements (give announcements in writing to worship leader)
VT 640 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Susan Nelson; Song leader: Jenna Martin; Musicians: Mary Gilbert and Patricia Nuyken; Children's Story: Ruth Kauffmann; Storyteller: Adam Graber Roth; Sharing and Pastoral Prayer: Karl Shelly; Tech Crew: Eric Kaufmann and Sean Smuts; Visuals: Mary Lehman Yoder and Karissa Miller

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.

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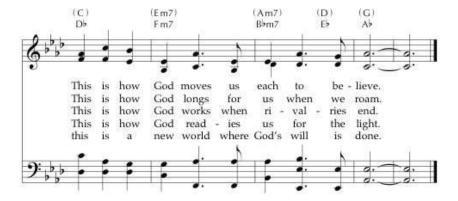
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(Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)



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