Assembly Mennonite Church What is a Neighbor? July 16, 2023

Gathering and Praising

VT 32 *God Welcomes All*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 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

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 Peace Lamp

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

Neighbor story

Offering Ourselves

Covenanting - Bre & Trevor Daugherty, Mari Martinez & Ben Sywulka, Carol & Verne Schirch Offering - VT 802 Draw the Circle

Responding & Sharing our Stories

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction to visitors & Announcements VT 838 *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Gretchen Krause; Song Leader: Becky Snider; Musicians: Scott Hochstetler; Peace Lamp: Jamie Lake; Children's time: Leon Bauman; Storytellers: MYF & Sponsors; Covenanting, Pastoral sharing and prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Crew: Eric Kaufmann, Sean Smuts; Visuals: Alma Boyle, Karissa Miller, Mary Lehman Yoder

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.

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Text: John L. Bell (Scotland)
Music: South African traditional; transcr. John L. Bell
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For a lower key, see "As with Gladness" (#277).

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint (England), tyra Eucharistica, 1864, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk (Englandi, Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861





(The Peace of the Earth Be with You)



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