

Assembly Mennonite Church

What is a Neighbor?

July 9, 2023

Gathering and Praising

VT 22 *What Is This Place*

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 797 *We Are People of God's Peace*

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

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

Luke 19:1-10; Revelation 3:20

Neighbor story

Offering Ourselves

Offering - VT 707 *Dona nobis pacem*

Responding & Sharing our Stories

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction to visitors & Announcements

VT 722 *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Benediction

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Kathleen Jones; Song Leader: Bev Lapp; Peace Lamp: Kathy Meyer Reimer; Scripture Reader: Lena Osborne; Children's time: Kathleen Jones; Storytellers: Tobias and Isaya Magatti; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Lora Nafziger; Tech Crew: Jenna Martin and Glenn Gilbert; 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.

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.

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG 9.8.9.8.9.6.6

1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a
 earth its floor, walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed. Names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,
 win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that
 sent from the past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
 we are each oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -
 lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing Word.
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis (Netherlands), *Zomaar een dak boven wat hooïden*, 1968; trans. David Smith (England), © 1967 OCP Publications
 Music: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; harm. Bernard Huijbers (Netherlands), harm. © 1984 TEAM Publications, OCP Publications

797 We Are People of God's Peace

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM (GAUDEAMUS PARITER) 7.6.7.6 D

1 We are peo - ple of God's peace as a new cre - a - tion.
 2 We are her - alds of God's peace for the new cre - a - tion,
 3 We are chil - dren of God's peace in this new cre - a - tion,
 4 We are ser - vants of God's peace, of the new cre - a - tion.
 Love u - nites and strength - ens us at this cel - e - bra - tion.
 and by grace the word of peace reach - es ev - 'ry na - tion.
 spread - ing joy and hap - pi - ness through God's great sal - va - tion.
 Choos - ing peace, we faith - ful - ly serve with heart's de - vo - tion.
 Sons and daugh - ters of the Lord, ser - ving one an - oth - er,
 Though we fal - ter and we fail, Christ will still re - new us.
 Hope we bring in spir - it meek, in our dai - ly liv - ing,
 Je - sus Christ, the Prince of Peace, con - fi - dence will give us.
 a new cov - e - nant of peace binds us all to - geth - er.
 By the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r, God is work - ing through us.
 Peace with ev - 'ry - one we seek, good for e - vil giv - ing.
 Christ the Lord is our de - fense; Christ will nev - er leave us.

Text: based on Menno Simons (present-day Netherlands), *Reply to False Accusations*, 1552; stanzas 1, 3, 4 vers. David Augburger (USA), 1978; adapt. Esther Bergen (Canada), 1990; stanza 2 vers. Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, 2017 © Mennonite World Conference
 Music: Johann Horn (present-day Germany), *Ein Gesangbuch der Brüder im Behem und Merhern*, 1544; rev. in *Catholicum Hymnologium Germanicum*, 1584

Dona nobis pacem

Capo 3: (D)
Canon 1 F

DONA NOBIS PACEM Irregular

(A) (D) (A)
C F C

Latin: Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
Arabic: A - sa - laam a - lei - kum.
Hebrew: Sim sha - lom to - va uv - ra - cha.

(G) (D) (A) (A7) (D)
B \flat F C C7 F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
A - sa - laam a - lei - kum.
Sha - lom sha - lom to - va uv - ra - cha.

2 (A) (D) (A)
C F C

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
A - sa - laam a - lei - kum.
Sim sha - lom to - va uv - ra - cha.

(G) (D) (A) (A7) (D)
B \flat F C C7 F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
A - sa - laam a - lei - kum.
Sha - lom sha - lom to - va uv - ra - cha.

3 (A) (D) (A)
C F C

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
A - sa - laam a - lei - kum.
Sim sha - lom to - va uv - ra - cha.

(G) (D) (A) (A7) (D)
B \flat F C C7 F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
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Text: Latin traditional "grant us peace" (Rome), ca. 7th c.; Arabic traditional, *لننزلنا عليك* (May peace be upon you) (Eastern Mediterranean); Hebrew traditional, *שִׁים שָׁלוֹם וְבִרְקָה* (Grant peace, goodness, and blessing) (Eastern Mediterranean)
Music: traditional liturgical

Help Us to Help Each Other

MARTYRDOM (AVON) CM

G C G D G

1 Help us to help each oth - er, Lord, each
2 Help us to build each oth - er up, your
3 Je - sus, u - nit - ed by your grace, and
4 Drawn by the mag - net of your love, we

D G Em G D G D Em

oth - er's load to bear, that all may live in
strength with - in us prove. In - crease our faith, con -
each to each en - deared, with con - fi - dence we
find our hearts made new. Near - er each oth - er

C G D G Em G/D D7 G

true ac - cord, our joys and pains to share.
firm our hope and fill us with your love.
seek your face and know our prayer is heard.
let us move, and near - er still to you.

Text: Charles Wesley (England), *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1742, alt.; stanzas 1, 2, and 4 rev. in *Hymns for Today's Church*, 1982, © 1982 Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Co.)
Music: Hugh Wilson (Scotland); adapt. Robert A. Smith (Scotland), *Sacred Music*, 1825