

Assembly Mennonite Church
Praise and Lament in the Psalms
May 14, 2023

Gathering

VT88 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

VT32 *God Welcomes All*

Welcome/ Introduction & Birthday Recognition

Bringing our whole selves into worship

Peace Lamp

Beloved, let us love one another,

For God is love and love casts out fear

Offering Ourselves

Offering - VT413 *As Long as We Follow*

Baptism of Aydian Smuts

Telling God's Story

Children's time (Psalm 23)

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.

VT434 *O God, Our Refuge*

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 31:3-5a, 9-16

Sermon

Psalm 31

14 But I trust in you, YHWH; I say, "You are my God."

15 My times are in your hand. Deliver me from my enemies and persecutors.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Responding & Sharing our Stories

Response Music

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Sending

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

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

Thanks to: Worship Leader: Michael Miller; Song Leader: Bev Lapp; Musicians: Wilma Harder, Ben Good-Elliott; Peace Lamp: Joel Zwier; Baptism: Scott Coulter & Lora Nafziger; Scripture Reader: Marshall King; Children's time: Patricia Ebersole Zwier; Sermon: Karl Shelly; Pastoral sharing and prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Crew: Glenn Gilbert, Jenna Martin

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:

--Book discussion—north side of MP space. Barb Hassan will lead the discussion of 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 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 talk about the Assembly Covenant and Practices. Hosted by Scott Coulter. *To find it: Walk past the mailboxes to the north entrance of the meetinghouse, then turn left 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!

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.) Go to the sound booth if you are having issues receiving the signal.

Worship Visuals Artist Statement

To read the statement, please focus your camera phone on the image and open the link on your screen.



88 Page 1 of 2 Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

G Bm C D

1 Lo - be den Her - ren, den mäch - ti - gen Kö - nig der Eh -
 2 Lo - be den Her - ren, der al - les so herr - lich re - gie -
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign -

G Bm C

ren; mei - ne ge - lie - be - te See - le, das ist mein Be -
 ret; der dich auf A - de - lers Fit - ti - gen si - cher ge -
 tion. O my soul, wor - ship the well - spring of health and sal -
 ing, guard - ing with shel - ter - ing wings, ev - er gen - tly sus -

D G C G

ge - hren. Kom - met zu - hauf; Psal - ter und
 füh - ret, der dich er - hält, wie es dir
 va - tion. Come, all who hear, now to God's
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Text: German; Joachim Neander (present-day Germany), "Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren," *Alpha und Omega, Chorb- und Liebesbuch*, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth (England), *Choral Book for England*, 1861, alt. stanza 4 adapt. Martin A. Seltz (USA), *Chantry Choirbook*, © 2000 Augsburg Fortress.
 Music: *Erneuerter Gesangbuch* (present-day Germany), 1665

D G Em Am D G

Har - fe, wacht auf. Las - set den Lob - ge - sang hö - ren.
 sel - ber ge - fällt; hast du nicht die - ses ver - spü - ret?
 tem - ple draw near. Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - ed has been held in God's gra - cious or - dain - ing?

- 3 Lobe den Herren, der deinen Stand sichtbar gesegnet,
 der aus dem Himmel mit Strömen der Liebe geregnet.
 Denke daran, was der Allmächtige kann,
 der dir mit Liebe begegnet.
- 4 Lobe den Herren; was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.
 Alles, was Odem hat, lobe mit Abrahams Samen.
 Er ist dein Licht, Seele, vergiss es ja nicht.
 Lob ihn in Ewigkeit, Amen.
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us.
 Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 who with great love still befriends us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, for in wonder my spirit is soaring!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring!
 Let the "amen" sound from God's people again,
 gladly forever adoring!



32 God Welcomes All / Amen

AMENTHEMBA Irregular

A: God wel - comes all, stran - gers and friends;
 B: A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.
 A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Text: John L. Bell (Scotland)
 Music: South African traditional; transcr. John L. Bell
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Na nzela na lola
 (As Long as We Follow)

MALEMBE 6.8.8 with refrain

Capo 3: (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

1 Na nze-la na lo - la to - ko - tam - bo - la ma - lem - be, ma -
 1 As long as we fol - low in the way that God is lead - ing, we
 2 As long as we hope there is a fu - ture for cre - a - tion, a

lem - be to - ko - tam - bo - la. Ma - lem - be, ma -
 know God's reign will sure - ly come. We know this, we
 fu - ture for the un - i - verse.

lem - be, ma - lem - be, to - ko - tam - bo - la.
 know this. We know God's reign will sure - ly come.

Text: Lingala; Joseph Kabemba (Democratic Republic of the Congo); stanza 1 and refrain trans. S. T. Kimbrough (USA); stanza 2 trans. Carolyn Kappauf (Germany)
 Music: Joseph Kabemba
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O God, Our Refuge

OUR REFUGE LM



1 O God, our re - fuge is your love, where
2 In love we do the work of faith, for
3 When ty - rants taunt with shame and fear your
4 O God, our ref - uge is your love; no



truth and spir - it bid us stand; through hum - ble crea - tures
jus - tice' sake we share our bread; as Ma - ry chose the
joy - ful com - fort guides our speech; and e - ven hemmed by
fear can take us cap - tive when we fol - low your cou -



you re - veal the might and won - der of your hand.
bet - ter part, we search and stu - dy what you've said.
pris - on walls, we find your strength with - in our reach.
ra - geous Lamb, then leap the walls. A - men, a - men.

Text: Brenda Hostetler Meyer (USA), © 2019 Brenda Hostetler Meyer, inspired by the writings and recorded testimonies of Anabaptist martyrs in the 16th c., particularly Anna Jansz of Rotterdam (present-day Netherlands), Martha Baert (present-day Belgium); both in *Profiles of Anabaptist Women* . . . , ed. C. Arnold Snyder (Canada) and Linda A. Huebner Hecht (Canada), 1996; and Lisjken Dircks (present-day Netherlands) and six unnamed women, in *Elizabeth's Manly Courage: Testimonials and Songs* . . . , ed. and trans. Hermina Joldersma (Canada) and Louis Peter Grijp (Netherlands), 2001

Music: The Walking Roots Band (USA), © 2019 The Walking Roots Band; acc. Susan See (USA), 2020



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

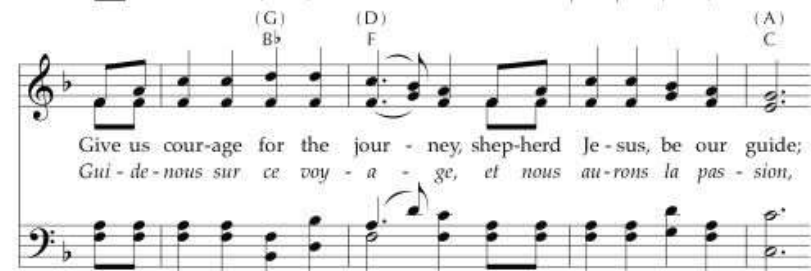
ENDSLEIGH NEW 8.7.8.7 D



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.

Text: Rebecca Mosley (USA) and Josephine Munyeli (Rwanda), © 2013 Rebecca Mosley and Josephine Munyeli
Music: Salvatore Ferretti (Italy), as sung in East Africa, 20th-21st c.; harm. Memnonite Worship and Song Committee, 2019