

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.

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.

120 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
 5 For each per - fect gift and sign to this world so

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, friends on earth and friends a - bove,
 free - ly giv'n; grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 love u - nit - ing earth and heav'n:

thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

For a lower key, see "As with Gladness" (#277).

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint (England), *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864, alt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD 10.10.10.10

Capo 1: (G)
A \sharp

(Em7) (Am7) (D)
Fm7 B \flat m7 E \flat

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the stor - ies that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) (C) (Am) (B7)
Fm D \flat B \flat m C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it, who joins us as one.

(Em) (Am) (D) (G)
Fm B \flat m E \flat A \sharp

roots thread the soil, branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

Text: Adam M. L. Tice (USA)
 Music: Sally Ann Morris (USA)
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(C) (Em7) (Am7) (D) (G)
 D \flat Fm7 B \flat m7 E \flat A \flat

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

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 6/9 Woza nomthwalo wakho
 (Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO 7.7.7.8

Leader

(hay.) (no.) Wo - za nom - thwa - lo, oh,
 Come, bring your bur - dens, oh,

D G D

Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -
 Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your

wo - za nom - thwa - lo, oh, wo - za nom - thwa - lo,
 come, bring your bur - dens, oh, come, bring your bur - dens,

A D G

thwa - lo wak - ho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wak - ho, u
 bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

(Omit last time)

Je - su_a - ka so za thi
 Je - sus will nev - er say

A A7 D

Je - su_a - ka so za thi hay.
 Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Text: Xhosa; from the singing of the Mociplaas congregation (South Africa); trans. Barbara Clark (Scotland), Mairi Munro (Scotland), and Marlene Stemerick (Scotland)
 Music: from the singing of the Mociplaas congregation; transcriber, Wefile Sigabi (South Africa)
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6/4 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION CMD

D Bm D

1 My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; most ho-ly
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me

D/A A D Bm D

is your name. In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-
 is my stay. One word of your sup-port-ing breath drives
 all my days. Oh, may your house be my a-bode, and

D/A A D G Em

side the liv-ing stream. You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it
 all my fears a-way. Your hand, in sight of all my
 all my work be praise. There would I find a set-tled

D Bm G Em Bm D

back, when I for-sake your ways, and lead me
 foes, does still my ta-ble spread. My cup with
 rest, while oth-ers go and come, no more a

Text: based on Psalm 23; Isaac Watts (England), *Psalms of David* . . ., 1719, alt.

Music: American traditional (USA), early 19th c., version from Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1st ed., 1832; harm. J. Harold Mayer (USA), 1965, © 1969 Faith & Life Press/Mennonite Publishing House

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Bm D D/A A D

for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
 stran-ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.