

Assembly Mennonite Church at Camp Friedenswald

What is a Neighbor?

July 23, 2023

Gathering and Praising

VT 25 Brethren We Have Met to Worship

Welcome & Visitor Introductions

Call to worship

L: In the midst of coming and going from many places

P: We gather here in this place, in these Peaceful Woods

L: Joining the praise of the summer's greening

P: We gather here in this place, in these Peaceful Woods

L: Joining our stories with your Story

P: We gather here in this place, in these Peaceful Woods

L: Open our voices to sing your praise and
open our hearts to our neighbors – human, plant and animal

P: AMEN

VT 10 Here In This Place

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

P: 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*

Telling the Story

Children's time - "One Drop at a Time"

Prayer of Illumination

Mark 12:28-34 and Proverbs 3:29

Neighbor story

VT 789: Be a Sower

Responding & Sharing our Stories

In words and prayer: Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

In sharing with neighbors near and far: Offering and announcements

VT 793 Siyahamba

In celebration: Baptisms of Isaac Bontrager and Jesse Bontrager

Faith statements

Gather on the beach: VT 778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Baptisms

Sending

VT 847 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Benediction

May we go out into this bewildering world
warmed by the fire of possibility.

Grace and peace and gumption be with us.

*Thanks to Worship Leader: Bethany Swope; Song Leader and Children's Time:
Hannah Lehman; Musicians: Jim Kaufmann, Conrad Liechty; Guest Storyteller:
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Shelly, co-pastor; Tech Crew: Glenn Gilbert and Eric Kaufmann.*