

Assembly Mennonite Church
A service of thanksgiving and blessings for the coming year
August 6, 2023

Gathering

VT 43 *God, Be the Love*

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

Welcome & Birthday Recognition

VT 539 *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

Peace Lamp

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another

People: For God is love and love casts out fear

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*

Offering and Receiving Blessings

Numbers 6:24-26, Ephesians 3:17-19

VT 535 *Today We Sing with Thankfulness*

Blessing new MYFers

VT 832 *The Lord Lift You Up*

Blessing for new and ongoing roles

Offering - VT 396 *May You Be Rooted and Grounded*

Children's time- Abram & Sarai blessed story

To the tune from VT 550 (God Who Touches Earth)

Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ above me too

Christ below me, Christ beside me, Christ within me true

Parent-Child Dedication

Nora Joy Miller-Good - *Parents, Nick and Michelle Miller-Good*

Finley James and Auden Thomas Stump - *Parents, Emily and Casey Stump*

Maisie Lynn Yost - *Parents, Joni and Aaron Yost*

All: Auden and Finley and Maisie and Nora, May God bless you and keep you; May the very face of God shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May God's presence embrace you and give you peace.

VT 510 *Today Earth is Singing*

"We greet you, dear children"

Responding

Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors/Announcements

VT 846 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Benediction

Worship Leader: Lora Nafziger; Song Leader: Becky Snider; Peace lamp: Kathy Meyer Reimer; Scripture Readers: Eliza Miller, Jared Martin; Children's time: Anna Yoder Schlabach; Blessings: Pastoral Team; Parent-Child Dedication & Pastoral prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Hosts: Patrick Coonan, Merle Baker

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.

God, Be the Love

GREEN TYLER 9.8.9.5.5



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly; great cloud of wit-ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light; flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eye of all who see me; Christ in the ear that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind; depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove and al - ways,
 hears my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me, O Christ, sur-round me.

Text: based on the "Prayer of St. Patrick" (Ireland), 5th c.; Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (USA)
 Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
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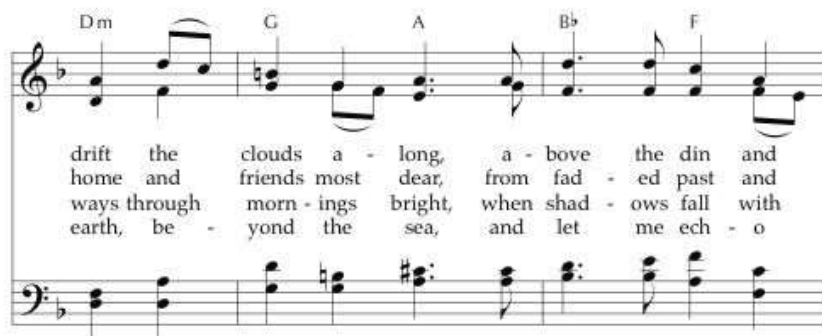


559 God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

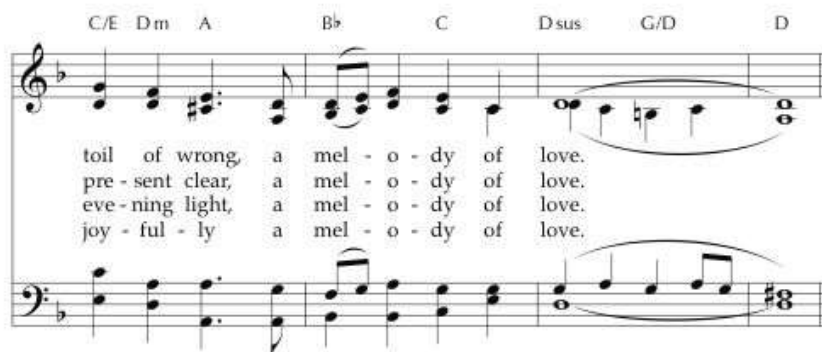
EVENING LIGHT 8.8.8.6



1 God speaks to us in bird and song, in winds that
 2 God speaks to us in far and near, in peace of
 3 God speaks to us in dark - est night, by qui - et
 4 O Voice di-vine, speak un - to me, be - yond the



drift the clouds a - long, a - bove the din and
 home and friends most dear, from fad - ed past and
 ways through morn - ings bright, when shad - ows fall with
 earth, be - yond the sea, and let me ech - o



toil of wrong, a mel - o - dy of love.
 pre - sent clear, a mel - o - dy of love.
 eve - ning light, a mel - o - dy of love.
 joy - ful - ly a mel - o - dy of love.

Text: Joseph Johnson (England), 1888, alt.
 Music: Pax Resler (USA), © 2016 Pax Resler

535 Today We Sing with Thankfulness

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JONES CMD

Chord symbols: G, D, G, C

1 To - day we sing with thank - ful - ness for those who
 2 To - day we sing of ho - li - ness, of heal - ing
 3 To - day we sing with rest - less - ness, we ev - er
 4 To - day we sing with hope - ful - ness that we may

Chord symbols: Am7, D, G, D, G

turned the tide. Con - fined by nar - row bound - a - ries, they
 touch and word; of dis - ap - point - ment deep - ly felt, con -
 look to you. In - fuse us with your Spir - it, then, give
 car - ry on, to hon - or past ac - com - plish - ments, the

Chord symbols: Am7, D, G, Am7, D

knew your call was wide. De - mand - ing change, they
 vic - tions un - der - stood; of grace that lets for -
 us your work to do. Fill us with cour - age
 steps we build up - on. And what of those who

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Chord symbols: G, Em, Am7, D, G, Am7

led the way, with pas - sion and with pain. They touch our
 give - ness flow with - in com - mu - ni - ty; of love that
 and re - solve, and grant hu - mil - i - ty, as we em -
 fol - low us? Your jus - tice be their theme! A gift - ed

Chord symbols: D, B, Em, Am7, Em7, D7, G

lives a - cross the years, their leg - a - cy our gain.
 seeks to rec - on - cile, re - stor - ing u - ni - ty.
 ploy our minds and hearts to right the wrongs we see.
 gen - er - a - tion poised— God, chal - lenge them to dream!

The Lord Lift You Up

BENEDICTION 5.5.5.5.4.5.5

Capo 2: (D) (Em/G) (A)
Swing: ♩ = ♩[♩] E F#m/A B

The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your
hand, the Lord lead you forth, and cause you to
stand, se - cure in God's word, seek - ing God's
face, a - bound - ing in love, a - bid - ing in
grace. The grace.

1 (D) (D) (G) (D)
E E A E
Last time

May You Be Rooted and Grounded

ROOTED AND GROUNDED Irregular

Swing: ♩ = ♩[♩]
Capo 3: (E5) (A m) (F) (A m)
G5 C m Ab C m

May you be root - ed and ground - ed in love,
strength - ened in the Spir - it through faith, to know the height and
depth and length and breadth of God's un - der - stand - ing and grace.
1 Paul said we're all one bod - y, though
2 Let all you do be done in love, and
3 So when you feel like wor - ry - ing, turn
each has dif - f'rent gifts, each giv - en for the
o - pen your heart wide. If you live by the
ev - 'ry - thing to prayer, and God will search your
com - mon good; to - geth - er we are lift - ed up, and
Spir - it, let the Spir - it be your guide, and keep you
heart and soul, and hope will find you there. You will be

(C) (A m) (E7) (A m) (E7) (A m)
Eb C m G7 C m G7 C m (A) Last time

(C) (G/B) (A m) (F7)
Eb Bb/D C m Ab7

(A m) (G) (F) (Em) (A m) (C) (G/B)
C m Bb Ab G m C m Eb Bb/D

(A m) (F7) (B7) (E7)
C m Ab7 D7 G7 To refrain

530 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

EARTHRISE 8.5.8.5

D A/C# G/B D/A G A D

Musical notation for the first line of the song, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

1 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.
 2 Like your springs and run - ning wa - ter, make me crys - tal pure.
 3 Like your danc - ing waves in sun - light, make me glad and free.
 4 Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, lift my thoughts a - bove.
 5 God who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.

Bm D/A G D/F# Em A7 D

Musical notation for the second line of the song, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

With your Spir - it re - cre - ate me pure and strong and true.
 Like your rocks of tow - 'ring gran - deur, make me strong and sure.
 Like the straight - ness of the pine trees, let me up - right be.
 Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.
 Keep me ev - er, by your Spi - rit, pure and strong and true.

Text: Mary S. Edgar (Canada), 1925, alt.
 Music: Alfred V. Fedak (USA), 1988, © 1989 Sacred Music Press



510 Today Earth Is Singing

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11

Capo 3: (D)
F

(Bm) (Em)
Dm Gm

Musical notation for the first line of the song, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

To - day earth is sing - ing with stars up a - bove,

(A) (D) (Em) (A)
C F Gm C

Musical notation for the second line of the song, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

our arms wide in wel - come for God's gift of love;

(D) (Bm) (Em)
F Dm Gm

Musical notation for the third line of the song, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

we greet you, dear _____, we're glad you are here;

(A) (D) (Em) (A7) (D)
C F Gm C7 F

Musical notation for the fourth line of the song, featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

your new - ness re - news us and heav - en comes near.

Text: Brenda Hostetler Meyer (USA), © 2019 Brenda Hostetler Meyer
 Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (USA), *Around the World with Christmas*, 1895; harm. Joan Fyock Norris (USA), © 1989 Joan Fyock Norris

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FAREWELL ANTHEM Irregular

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his coun-ten-ance up -
May God lift her

on you, and give you peace,
and give you peace, and give you

the Lord make his
may God make her
and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine up -
may God make her

and be gra-cious un-to you, be gra-cious,
on you, and be gra-cious, and be gra-cious,

Text: based on Numbers 6:24-26, Peter C. Lutkin (USA), 1900; alternate text Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, 2019
Music: Peter C. Lutkin, 1900

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the Lord
may God be gra-cious, gra-cious un-to

you.
A men, a men, a men,
A men, a men, a men,
men, a men, a men, a men,

men, a men, a men, a men,
men, a men, a men, a men,
men, a men, a men, a men,

men, a men, a men, a men,
a men, a men, a men, a men,
men, a men, a men, a men,
men, a men, a men, a men.