

Assembly Mennonite Church

An Epiphany of Joy: How does a weary world rejoice?

January 18, 2026

Gathering

VT 95 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Kate Roth

Call to Worship

Joel and Norah Kern

Leader 1: From the sky above us to the ground beneath us,
all creation is known by God.

Adults: We come as part of creation.

Leader 2: God knows the birds and the bugs,
the worms in the dirt, the rocks and trees,
and the animals we don't even see.

Children: God knows them all.

Leader 1: Scripture imagines a world
where earth and heaven praise together—
cedars and cattle, stones and streams,
everything that has life and even what seems still.

Adults: Nothing is hidden from God.

Leader 2: Even the quiet ones. Even the disappearing ones.

Children: They matter to God.

Leader 1: God hears the inner life of creation and calls it good.
We are learning again how to listen,
how to live with care, how to protect what is fragile.

Adults: Teach us to see creation as neighbor.

Leader 2: And we get to help.

Children: We can take care.

**All: Let all creation praise God. Let us worship—
with wonder, with humility, and with hope.**

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 81 All Creatures Worship God Most High

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Wilma Harder

Leader: Let joy flow down like a river

Congregation: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream

Offering - VT 181 Creation is a Song

Telling God's Story

VT 511 Come on, Children to the Gospel Feast

Children's time

Abby Nafziger

*Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time,
after which childcare is available.*

Scripture Psalm 148, Revelation 5:11-14

Barb Swartley

Leader: The stories of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Doug Kaufman

Sharing our Stories

VT 93 Sing to God a New Song

Sermon response & Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Coulter

VT 674 Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

Sending

Welcoming Visitors

Announcements - *If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole
congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.*

Sunday school teachers are dismissed

VT 427 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Benediction

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

Second hour: Congregational Meeting

Thanks to: Musicians: Ana Yoder Coulter; Tech Crew: Jep Hostetler, Eric Good Kaufmann; Visuals: Kimberly Glick; Worship Leading: Small Group Allergy- Hannah and Whit Friesen, Wilma Harder and Barb Swartley, Moriah Hurst and Doug Kaufman, Joel and Naomi Kern (J & Norah), Abby and Alex Nafziger-Peterson (Hans & Heidi).

HEARING ASSISTANCE

We have two systems for those with hearing loss, talk to the sound booth folks for help.



New to Assembly? WELCOME! Sign the register on the podium, pick up a yellow Q&A sheet, and fill out the Assembly Survival Kit questionnaire by scanning the QR code. Questions? Ask a friendly face near you.

We hope to see you again soon!

