

Assembly Mennonite Church

Music that has shaped our faith: Bruce Springsteen

August 16, 2026

Gathering

VT 121 When at Creation's Dawn

Kate Roth

Call to Worship

Anna Yoder Schlabach

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 113 Cantai ao Senhor (O Sing to the Lord)

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Deb Bloom

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.

Offering - VT 182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Telling God's Story

"May I Be Empty" (*lyrics on reverse*)

Children's Time -

Patricia Ebersole Zwier

Let us remember that the answers that children give are best received with appreciation and not with laughter.

VT 405 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 11-19

Alice Kauffman

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Karl Shelly

Sharing our Stories

VT 681 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Moriah Hurst

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

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

VT 809 Sing a New World into Being

Benediction

Thanks to: Musicians: Beverly Lapp, Leah Hochstetler; Tech Crew: Ben Good-Elliott, Nate Osborne; Artwork: Bre Daugherty and Brooke Rothshank

May I Be Empty (lyrics) *used with permission by Batya Levine*

May I be empty, and open to *receive* the light.

May I be empty, and open to receive.

May I be full, and open to receive the light.

May I be full, and open to receive.

Second Hour: Sunday school for grades 1 and younger. A parent or grandparent is asked to drop off and pick up children in these age groups. When you do that, please also double check that the food allergy list is accurate for your child. Sunday school for grades 2 and older begins Sept. 13. ***Please note, the Wee Wonder class is for 2-3 year olds this year.***

Second hour Electives: *updated locations*

- **Movement and dance** (dancing together; MP south) Move and groove to a different style of music each week.
- **Make a joyful noise** (creating together; worship space) Make music together, from found-object instrument creation to beat boxing and more.
- **Share a favorite song** (listening; Room 3) Three storytellers each week will talk about a favorite song and play a recording of it.
- **How do lyrics shape belief?** (discussion; Room 1) Explore how the words we sing together shape theology and daily life.
- **Quiet space** (individual reflection; MP north) Color or doodle with soft music in the background. This is a no-talking elective, to allow quiet reflection.

Parents and elective leaders, please note that Sunday school ends 50 minutes after the worship service each week, so please plan accordingly.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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