

Assembly Mennonite Church
Music that has shaped our faith
August 30, 2026

Gathering

VT 9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry
Call to Worship
Welcome
VT 103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Scott Hochstetler
Eric Yordy

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp
Leader: Let justice roll down like a river
People: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.
Offering - VT 563 Come, Thou Fount
Blessing for School Kits

Susan Nelson

Telling God's Story

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

Julie Keim

"May I be empty" (lyrics on reverse)

Scripture: Hebrews 11: 1-16

Isaya Magatti

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Music for Its Own Sake

Beverly Lapp

Sharing our Stories

VT 670 In the Bulb There Is a Flower
Sermon Response/Sharing from Our Lives
Pastoral Prayer

Karl Shelly

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 813 Heart with Loving Heart United
Benediction

Thanks to Musicians: Ana Yoder Coulter; Tech Crew: Glenn Gilbert, Logan Swartzendruber; 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.
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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.

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