

## Assembly Mennonite Church

Music that has shaped our faith: J.S. Bach

August 9, 2026

**Organ Prelude:** Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor

### Gathering

VT 42 Could It Be That God Is Singing

Call to Worship: VT 20

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 39 As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

### Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

**People: And goodness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Offering - VT 82 All Our Praise

Recognizing our 9th graders

### Telling God's Story

Song "May I be empty" (*lyrics on reverse*)

Children's time: Backpack blessing

*Let's remember that the answers children give are best received with appreciation, not with laughter.*

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-3

L: The stories of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

Storytelling: *Soli Deo Gloria*

### Sharing our Stories

VT 624 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Storytelling response and sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

### 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 539 God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

Benediction

Beverly Lapp

Jodi Beyeler

Moriah Hurst

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Clara Horst Hanby

Mary Lehman Yoder

Anna Yoder Schlabach

Thanks to: Musicians: Scott Hochstetler, Leon Bauman, Aaron Hochstetler, Jim Stump; Tech Crew: Sean and Kasper Smuts; Artwork: Brooke Rothshank and Bre Daugherty

**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 Electives:

**Movement and dance** (dancing together; multipurpose south)

Move and groove to a different style of music each week.

**Make a joyful noise** (creating together; classroom 1)

Make music together, from found-object instrument creation to beat boxing and more.

**Share a favorite song** (listening; classroom 3)

Three storytellers each week will talk about a favorite song and play a recording of it.

**How do lyrics shape belief?** (discussion; multipurpose northeast)

Explore how the words we sing together shape our theology and daily life, sometimes maybe even more than biblical text.

**Quiet space** (individual reflection; multipurpose northwest)

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

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

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