

Welcome to

# **First Mennonite Church**

*Denver, CO*



***Black History Month  
Guest Preacher Series:  
Abby Endashaw***

***February 7, 2021***

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

# Entering Worship

## Welcome

### *O Great Spirit*

Voices Together 51

O Great Spirit,  
How I long to hear your voice,  
How long to see your face.  
Away hey ho, away hey ho, away hey hey ho.

### Children's Time

#### ***Herr, füll mich neu (Fill Me Anew)***

VT 739

German read by Manfred Brancard

#### *German*

*Vs 1* Herr, füll mich neu, füll mich neu mit deinem Geiste,  
Der mich belebt und zu dir, mein Gott, hinziehet!

*Refrain* Heir bin ich vor dir. Leer sind meine Hände.  
Herr, füll mich ganz mit dir!

*Vs 2* Herr, füll mich neu, füll mich neu mit deiner Liebe,  
Die bei dir bleibt und mit Freuden Lasten trägt!

*Vs 3* Herr, füll mich neu, füll mich neu mit deinem Glauben,  
Der auf dich schaut und in andern Glauben wecket!

*Vs 4* Herr, füll mich neu, füll mich neu mit deiner Freude,  
Die überströmt und in Lob und Preis dich rühmet!

#### *English*

*Vs 1* Fill me anew, fill me with your Holy Spirit.  
God, you give life, and you draw me to your presence.

*Refrain* Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.  
God, fill my heart with you.

Vs 2 Fill me anew, fill me with your loving kindness.  
Those who stay close carry joyfully their burdens.

Vs 3 Fill me anew, with a constant faith abiding.  
Looking to you will awaken faith in others.

Vs 4 Fill me anew, fill me now with joy and gladness,  
So that my heart overflows with joyous praises!

## **Announcements & Passing the Peace**

### **Call to Worship**

VT 955

*By Sarah Bixler, 2018*

Come among us, Holy Spirit,

**And create a community of learning.**

Help us grow

**In wisdom and understanding,**

In skill and strength,

**In knowledge that honors you.**

Teach us

**To know you, ourselves, and our neighbors more fully,**

To see your presence in the world more clearly,

**To love more deeply- with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Form us

**As doers of justice and lovers of mercy**

As we walk humbly with you and one another

**On this path of learning. Amen.**

## **Invocation**

## **Faith Reflection**

### **Chimes**

### **Scripture**

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money

changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changes and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

***Abana alathi (Abana in Heaven)***

VT 675

Arabic read by Mehdi Azouaoui

*Arabic*

Abana\_ alathi fi\_ ssama li yataqad das ismuka  
Liya'tima lakutu ka litakun  
ma shiatuka  
Kamafi\_ ssamai kathalika 'ala\_ alardi  
Wa khubzana kafafana 'atina fi ayamina.  
Waghfer lana thunubana kama nanu lighayri na  
Waghfer lana thunubana kama nanu lighayri na  
La tudkhilna fi tajriba  
Bal najjina min ashshirrer  
Lianna lak\_ al mulka  
Wal quwwata wal majda  
Min alazal ila\_ ala bad. Amin.

*English*

Abana in heaven, hallowed be your holy name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
In all the earth as in heav'n.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,

In all the earth as in heav'n.  
And give to us, give us this day, our daily bread, O God, we pray.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And save us in time of trial.  
Deliver us from evil.  
Yours is the kingdom, yours the power,  
Yours is the glory, now and ever.  
Abana in heaven. Amen.

## **Meditation**

## **“Searching for God’s Dwelling Place”**

### ***God Welcomes All / Amen***

VT 32

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong and it never ends.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen.

## **Chimes**

## **Community & Sharing**

### **Offering**

#### ***Hallelujah!***

Performed by the Spirituals Project Choir at Celebration Hall, 2006

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Benediction**

#### ***Rise, Shine For Thy Light is a Comin’***

Performed by the Spirituals Project Choir at Celebration Hall, 2006

**Today's Guest Preacher: Abby Endashaw** works for Mennonite Central Committee Central States as the Young Adult Programs Coordinator. Her work with MCC emphasizes community centered programming, antiracism education, and supporting local partners doing peace and justice work. Before joining the MCC Central States staff, she earned a Master's in Professional Counseling from Dallas Baptist University and worked as a children's play therapist and a therapist for trauma survivors. When Abby's not planning young adult programs or hanging with MCC's international volunteers, she is likely watching *The Bachelor* or tucked into a new book!

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### *Hallelujah!*

African American Spiritual; arr. EP Smeltzer

### *Rise, Shine For Thy Light is a Comin'*

African American Spiritual; arr. EP Smeltzer

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## **Leadership for this Service**

**Worship Leaders:** Claudia Aguilar and Glenn Balzer

**Meditation:** Abby Endashaw

**Music Coordinator:** Sonia Graber

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**Children's Time:** Katie Hegedus

**Sanctuary Arts:** Paul Johnson

**Video Editing:** Glenn Balzer

*Thanks to all who generously shared their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and challenge in our walk of faith.*

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