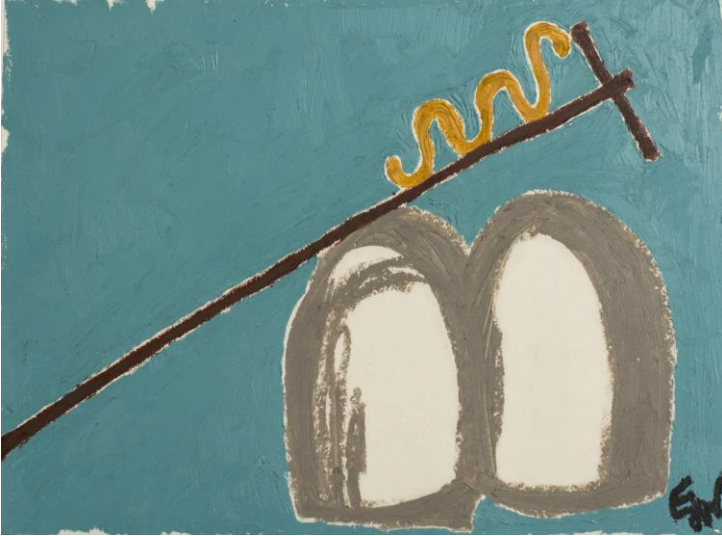


Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



Exodus 20:1-17

March 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

Let's Walk Together

Voices Together 6

Vs 1 Let's walk together for a while, and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow, and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing, and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share,
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Vs 2 Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Vs 3 Let's dream together of the day when earth and heav'n are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where mourning turns to dancing, ev'ry creature lifts its voice,

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time

I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

Sing the Story 116 / VT 514

Vs 1 I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky,
Growing tall and strong.
"How do you grow so tall and strong?" I said to the riverside tree
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

Refrain I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.

I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I'm becoming what the Lord of trees has meant me to be-
A strong young tree.

Vs 2 I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky;
And winter winds blew all around.
"How do you stay so tall and strong?" I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

Vs 3 I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings blocked the sun;
Green and lovely, I could see it gave joy to ev'ryone.
"How do you grow in the city streets?" I said to the downtown tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

Announcements & Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Sculptor of galaxies and builder of forests,
We stand in awe when we see your handiwork:

**Every person,
Every cloud, every cell,
And every ocean.**

You continue creating day after day:

**New dreams, new life,
New languages, new music...**

But even you stopped and rested.

Even you took delight in the beauty
Of your work and said: "this is enough."

On this Sabbath day, we worship you.

**We take delight in the beauty of your work
And we say: "this is enough."**

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am God, your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me.

Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Do not use your God's name as if it were of no significance; God won't forgive anyone who uses God's name that way.

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because God made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why God blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that your God is giving you.

Do not kill.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

O God, Great Womb

VT 176

Vs 1 O God, great womb of wondrous love,
Your Spirit moving on the deep
Did wake a world within yourself,
A pulsing, lighted world, from sleep.

Vs 2 O hearth, O heartbeat of the whole,
Your dark light dance began the times,
The days and seasons, seconds, years,
The ages' rhythms and the rhymes.

Vs 3 O fire, O firmament and sea,
Your seething ferment's energy
Called forth a whirling waltz of life,
Each plant and creature and its seed.

Vs 4 O silent soul, O mind and strength,
Your center did conceive and bear
Its male and female image self-
All human forms, one breath to share.

Vs 5 Now come with rest, O Sabbath sun,
O sanctuary, sacred home;
We groan till all is grown complete,
Fulfilled, at peace, O great shalom.

Meditation

God, Bless the Work Your People Do

VT 528

Vs 1 God, bless the work your people do throughout each working day,
The contributions that they make, the talents they display.
God, bless the work your people do, with minds and hands and hearts,
To benefit the common good, the sciences and arts.

Vs 2 For all who have no respite, God, from labor without ease,
For those for whom their work is filled with danger or disease,
For all who labor without gain, or have no rest this day,
For all who labor without hope, O God, we humbly pray.

Vs 3 We pray for those who cannot work, or seek for work in vain;
Great God, we pray your mercy shall encourage them, again!
We pray for those whose work is hard, on body, spirit, soul,
The underpaid, underemployed, who fill a vital role.

Vs 4 As you achieved creation's work, then rested from your task,
God, bless the work your people do, and call it good, we ask!
Grant unto each a day designed for worship, joy, and rest;
A sabbath time of holiness, in which they may be blessed.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Benediction

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sing the Journey 95

Vs 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Vs 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Vs 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

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