

Welcome to

# **First Mennonite Church**

*Denver, CO*



## ***So Many Questions***

***June 13, 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

*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

Voices Together 95 /  
Hymnal: A Worship Book 50

*Vs 1* Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise God's name!  
Praise the Lord, our great creator; all you angels, praise proclaim.  
All you hosts, together praising, sun and moon and stars on high.  
Praise the Lord, O heav'ns of heavens, and the floods above the sky.

*Refrain* God, we praise you, hallelujah, for your name alone is high.  
And your glory is exalted, and your glory is exalted,  
And your glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky!

*Vs 2* Let them praise the Lord Creator; they were made at God's command,  
Who established them forever, whose decree shall ever stand.  
From the earth, O praise your maker, raging seas, you creatures all,  
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear the call.

*Vs 3* All you fruitful trees and cedars, ev'ry hill and mountain high,  
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,  
Crowns of earth from ev'ry nation, rulers great, earth's judges all;  
Praise together, all you people, aged ones and children small.

## Children's Time

*They That Wait Upon the Lord*

HWB 584

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.  
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.  
Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, to wait.

## Announcements

## Passing the Peace

## Call to Worship

God has set this day before us,

**A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

God has set our lives before us

**A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**So that we might live fully in deep love.**

Let us worship God.

## Invocation

## Faith Reflection

## Chimes

## Scripture

**Mark 4:26-34**

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Vs 1 Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,  
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,  
je chanterai ton nom.  
Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,  
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!

Vs 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.  
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.  
Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Vs 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.  
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.  
Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.  
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

**Meditation**

**“So Many Questions”**

***My Life Flows On***

VT 605 / HWB 580

Vs 1 My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain* No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Vs 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Vs 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

Vs 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

## Chimes

# Community & Sharing

## Offering

### *God Is Here Among Us*

VT 62 / HWB 16

- Vs 1     God is here among us; let us all adore him,  
          and with awe appear before him.  
          God is here within us; soul, in silence fear him,  
          humbly, fervently draw near him.  
          Now his own who have known God in worship lowly  
          yield their spirits wholly.
- Vs 2     Come, abide within me; let my soul, like Mary,  
          be thine earthly sanctuary.  
          Come, indwelling Spirit, with transfigured splendor;  
          love and honor will I render.  
          Where I go here below, let me bow before thee,  
          know thee, and adore thee.
- Vs 3     Gladly we surrender earth's deceitful treasures,  
          pride of life, and sinful pleasures.  
          Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever,  
          soul and life and each endeavor.  
          Thou alone shalt be known Lord of all our being,  
          life's true way decreeing.

## Prayer of the Church

### *Masithi: Amen (Sing Amen)*

VT 90 / HWB 64

- Xhosa*    Masithi: Amen siakudumisa.  
          Masithi: Amen siakudumisa.  
          Masithi: Amen bawo, amen bawo.  
          Amen, siakudumisa.

*English* Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
Amen, we praise your name, O God.

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