

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



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*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 & Announcements

Come, We That Love

Voices Together 31

Vs 1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Vs 2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God,
But children of the heav'nly king,
But children of the heav'nly king
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

Vs 3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Vs 4 Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thru Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Passing the Peace

♪ Call for Children: *Jesus Loves Me*

VT 516

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Children's Time

♪ *Alleluia*

VT 650

Call to Worship

One: No more lying, only truth.

All: Anger without hurting others.

One: No more stealing, only hard work and sharing.

All: Speech that builds up others.

One: Putting away all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander.

All: Being kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

One: Being imitators of God, as beloved children,

All: We worship you, for you have loved us from the beginning of time!

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Exodus 16:1-16

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of God in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then God said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way, I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of God, because God has heard your complaining against God. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When God gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because God has heard the

complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against God.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to God, for God has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of God appeared in the cloud. God spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am God your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that God has given you to eat. This is what God has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’”

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

♪ *There's Enough for All*

VT 757

There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,
There's enough for all if we would learn to see.
There's enough for all.
Let's bring our loaves and fishes, and offer them to Jesus.
There's more than enough for you and me.

Meditation

♪ *There's Enough for All*

VT 757

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Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Prayer & Benediction

Congregational Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Outdoor Worship

♪ *Come, Thou Fount*

VT 563

- Vs 1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.
- Vs 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- Vs 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

♪ Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

VT 131

Vs 1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. 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!

♪ Will You let Me Be Your Servant

VT 778

Vs 1, 6 Will you let me be your servant- let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Vs 2 We are pilgrims on a journey; we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Vs 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Vs 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Vs 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Closing Prayer

Fellowship Time

Join us in the Community Center after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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