

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

♪ *Longing for Light*

Voices Together 715

Vs 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Vs 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Vs 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Vs 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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

♪ *As I Went Down to the River (vs. 1, 2)*

Sing the Journey 79

Vs 1 As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Vs 2 As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Come on, brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Call to Worship

One: Even when the world falls apart,

All: we won't be afraid.

One: Even when the mountains crumble,

All: we won't be afraid.

One: Even when the sea waters roar and rage,

All: we won't be afraid.

One: Even when the mountains shake,

**All: we won't be afraid for God is our refuge and our strength, a help
always near in times of great trouble!**

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,
a help always near in times of great trouble.
That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,
when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,
when its waters roar and rage,
when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.

♪ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1, 2)* VT 203

Vs 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our defense is sure.

Vs 2 under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Meditation

♪ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 3, 4)* VT 203

Vs 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Vs 4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Prayer & Benediction

Congregational Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Outdoor Worship

♪ *What Wondrous Love Is This*

VT 564

- Vs 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- Vs 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- Vs 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- Vs 4 And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 And through eternity I'll sing on.

♪ *Guide My Feet*

VT 816

- Vs 1 Guide my feet while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
 Guide my feet while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
 Guide my feet while I run this race,
 For I don't want to run this race in vain!
- Vs 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
 Hold my hand while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
 Hold my hand while I run this race,
 For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Vs 3 Stand by me while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Vs 4 I'm your child while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Vs 5 Search my heart while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
Search my heart while I run this race, (Yes, my Lord!)
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Closing Prayer

Fellowship Time

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

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