

Welcome to

# **First Mennonite Church**

*Denver, CO*



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon...  
say what now?**

**January 23, 2022**

*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

## Pre-Service Music

*Be Thou My Vision* (arr. Mark Hayes)

*Impromptu, Op. 142 No. 2* (Franz Schubert)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Larry Shackley)

## Welcome & Announcements

### ♪ *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

### Voices Together 7

Vs 1    Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.  
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love.  
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,  
Let ev'ry heart sweet music make,  
And sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.

*Refrain* God is love! God is love!  
Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

Vs 2    O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love.  
In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.  
His blood has washed our sins away,  
Wis Spirit turned our night to day,  
And now we can rejoice to say that God is love.

Vs 3    What though our mortal flesh shall fail, God is love!  
Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail, God is love!  
While endless ages roll along,  
We'll triumph with the heav'nly throng,  
And this shall be our sweetest song, that God is love!

Vs 4    How happy is our portion here, God is love.  
These promises our spirits cheer, God is love.  
God is our sun and shield by day,  
our help, our hope, our strength and stay;  
and will be with us all the way: our God is love.

## Call to Worship

VT 877

**People: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: enter our silences.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting, enter our fearing,  
enter our letting go, enter our holding back.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: embrace and free us.

## Passing the Peace

♪ **God of the Bible** (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

VT 420

Vs 1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
You are our center, daylight or darkness,  
Freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain* Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

Vs 2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
Suffering with us, taking our part,  
Still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Vs 3 Those without status, those who are nothing,  
You have made royal, gifted with rights,  
Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Vs 5     Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
          Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
          Bonding us gladly one to the other,  
          Till our world changes facing the cross.

## Invocation

## Faith Reflection

## Chimes

## Scripture

**Luke 4:14-30**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at

Capernaum.” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

♪ ***Confitemini Domino (Come and Fill Our Hearts)***

**VT 52**

*Latin* Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.  
Confitemini Domino, alleluia.

*English* Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.

*Spanish* Llénanos Señor, de tu paz, porque sólo eres santo.  
Llénanos Señor, de tu paz, alleluia.

**Meditation**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon... say what now?”**

♪ ***Praise with Joy the World’s Creator***

**VT 428**

*Vs 1* Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease.  
Celebrate the Maker’s glory- pow’r to rescue and release.

*Vs 2* Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,  
heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ’s constant presence- friend and stranger, guest and host.

*Vs 3* Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride,  
forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Maker’s glory- pow’r to rescue and release.

Vs 4 Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community,  
calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.  
This the world shall see reflected: God is One and One in Three.

## Chimes

# Community & Sharing

## Offering

*Sicilienne, Op. 78* (Gabriel Fauré)

## Prayer & Benediction

### ♪ *Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues*

VT 829

Vs 1 Go now in peace, worship continues;  
service begins as you go from this place.  
Taught by God's Word, safe in God's tending,  
hold to the path that will run the good race.

Vs 2 Go now in joy: celebrate living!  
Sing and praise God with rejoicing each day.  
Lifted in hope, filled with thanksgiving,  
spread the good news as you go on your way.

Vs 3 Go now in love. Led by Christ's teaching,  
share with your neighbor the love that you know.  
Gifts from the heart outwardly reaching  
carry love's message wherever you go.

## Congregational Sharing & Introductions

## Pastoral Prayer

### ♪ *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

VT 540

Vs 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Vs 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Vs 4 Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Vs 5 Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



**After the service: Fellowship Time**

*Join us in the Community Center after worship for fellowship. Due to the quick spread of the new COVID variant, doughnuts and drinks will not be served during fellowship time for the remainder of January.*

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

## *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

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## *“Come, Holy Spirit, enter our silences”*

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