

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



Family

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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

Pre-Service Music

Give Me Jesus (arr. John Purifoy)

Welcome & Announcements

♪ *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Voices Together 681

Refrain Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Vs 1 Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Vs 2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
Their ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.

Call to Worship

VT 880

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
eternal Love and majesty,
source, guide, and goal
of all that is.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
eternal Word, enfleshed among us,
showing the way of life,
the way of truth and love.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
eternal Spirit, giver of life,
abiding within and all around us,
guiding us in all our ways.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Glory to God,
in whom we live
and move
and have our being.

People: Glory to God!

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and peace to God's people on earth.

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Passing the Peace

♪ Lift Every Voice and Sing

VT 611

Vs 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Vs 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

Vs 3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
 Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
 Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds,

and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

♪ **Amazing Grace!** (vs. 1, 2)

VT 163

Vs 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.

Vs 2 ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved.
 How precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed.

Meditation

“Family”

♪ **Amazing Grace!** (vs. 3, 4)

VT 163

Vs 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come.
 ‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

Vs 4 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
 than when we’d first begun.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Kum Ba Ya (arr. Douglas E Wagner)

Prayer & Benediction

♪ *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (vs. 1)

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Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Total Praise*

VT 633

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
knowing my help is coming from you.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to you.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

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## After the service: Fellowship Time

*Join us in the Community Center after worship for fellowship.*

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

## *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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## **“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth”**

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## *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Text: James W Johnson, 1900

Music: J Rosamund Johnson, 1905

## *Amazing Grace!*

Text: stanzas 1-3 John Newton, *Olney Hymns*, 1779; stanza 4 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, alt.

Music: American traditional, *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; adapt. and harm. Edwin O Excell, 1900

## *Kum Ba Yah*

Text & Music: African American spiritual

## *Total Praise*

Text: Richard Smallwood

Music: Richard Smallwood; arr. Stephen Key

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