

Welcome to

# **First Mennonite Church**


*Denver, CO*



## **Blood on My Hands**

**March 13, 2022**

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with .

## Entering Worship

### Pre-Service Music

*The Lord is My Light* (FMC Choir featuring Ed Battle)

#### **Let There Be Light**

**Voices Together 714**

Vs 1 Let there be light, O God of hosts!  
Let there be wisdom on the earth!  
Let broad humanity have birth!  
Let there be deeds instead of boasts.

Vs 2 Within our passioned hearts instill  
the calm that endeth strain and strife.  
Make us your ministers of life.  
Drive out the urge to curse and kill.

Vs 3 Give us the peace of vision clear  
to see each other's good, our own,  
to joy and suffer not alone:  
the love that casts aside all fear.

Vs 4 Let woe and waste of warfare cease,  
that useful labor yet may build  
its homes with love and laughter filled!  
God, give your wayward children peace!

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship

**VT 870**

*By William B Oden, 1976*

Leader: We gather in preparation,

**People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation,

**People: for joy is about to break forth in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration,

**People:** for we are people who say  
yes to the manger,  
yes to the One incarnate for others,  
yes to the wholeness of God.

**All:** *In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!*

## Passing the Peace

♪ ***We Shall Walk through the Valley***

**VT 574**

Vs 1 We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace!  
And if Jesus himself will be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace!

Vs 2 There will be no sorrowing there,  
there will be no sorrowing there.  
And if Jesus himself will be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace!

## Invocation

♪ **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

♪ ***Gloria***

**VT 94**

## Faith Reflection

Chimes

## Scripture

## Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

## ♪ *They that Wait Upon the Lord*

## Hymnal: A Worship Book 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.

## Meditation

## “Blood on My Hands”

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HWB 584

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Chimes

**Community & Sharing**

**Offering**

♪ *If the War Goes On*

VT 794

- Vs 1 If the war goes on, and the children die of hunger,  
and the old men weep, for the young men are no more,  
and the women learn how to dance without a partner,  
who will keep the score?
- Vs 2 If the war goes on, and the truth is taken hostage,  
and new horrors lead to the need to euphemize;  
when the calls for peace are declared unpatriotic,  
who'll expose the lies?
- Vs 3 If the war goes on, and the daily bread is terror,  
and the voiceless poor take the road as refugees;  
when a nation's pride destines millions to be homeless,  
who will heed their pleas?
- Vs 4 If the war goes on, and the rich increase their fortunes,  
and the arms sales soar as new weapons are displayed;  
when a fertile field turns to no-man's-land tomorrow,  
who'll approve such trade?
- Vs 5 If the war goes on, will we close the doors to heaven?  
If the war goes on, will we breach the gates of hell?  
If the war goes on, will we ever be forgiven?  
If the war goes on...

## Prayer & Benediction

### ♪ *And I Will Raise You Up*

VT 641

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

## Congregational Sharing & Introductions

### Pastoral Prayer

#### ♪ *O Healing River*

VT 706

Vs 1 O healing river, send down your waters,  
Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood from off the sand.

Vs 2 This land is parching, this land is burning,  
No seed is growing in the barren ground.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, send your waters down.

Vs 3 Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, from out of the skies.

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## After the Service- Fellowship Time

Join us in the Community Center for fellowship and refreshments.

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

## *Let There Be Light*

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