

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Why?

March 20, 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

Etude No. 1: Pas trop vite (by Robert Schumann; arr. Georges Bizet)

Etude No. 4: Espressivo- un peu mouvementé (by R Schumann; arr. G Bizet)

Welcome & Announcements

Could It Be That God is Singing

Voices Together 42

Vs 1 Could it be that God is singing and these notes are my reply
 To the God-light warm within me, joining earth and sea and sky?
 Surely mercy has a cadence- I can feel it in my soul!
 Surely justice builds a chorus, making all God's children whole!

Vs 2 Have you carried heavy silence, have you let old sorrows win,
 Or proclaimed psalms of forgiveness, but not offered them within?
 Oh, the Spirit, she was singing even when we could not hear
 Her abundant streams of living, waiting for us to come near.

Vs 3 Hallelujah for my Jesus, for his life's surprising course!
 May I, too, live bold resistance to injustice, hate, and force.
 Surely peace, it has a cadence, asking all of what we bring!
 And if music is God breathing, take a holy breath and sing!

Call to Worship

VT 851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

All: We worship together with joy.

Passing the 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

♪ *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

VT 306

- Vs 1 I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- Vs 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- Vs 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you

repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

♪ What Does the Lord Require of You?

VT 207

Line 1 What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Line 2 Justice, kindness,
Walk humbly with your God.

Line 3 To seek justice and love kindness
And walk humbly with your God.

Meditation

“Why?”

♪ What Does the Lord Require of You?

VT 207

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Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Etude No. 6: Adagio (by R Schumann; arr. G Bizet)

Prayer & Benediction

♪ *Could It Be That God is Singing* (vs. 3)

VT 42

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Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *We Are One in the Spirit*

VT 387

Vs 1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Vs 2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Vs 3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Spanish Somos uno en espíritu y en el Señor,
somos uno en espíritu y en el Señor;
y rogamos que un día se complete la unión.
Y que somos cristianos lo sabrán, lo sabrán,
porque unidos estamos en amor.

German

Wir sind einig im Geiste, wir sind einig im Herrn;
wir sind einig im Geiste, wir sind einig im Herrn;
laast uns beten um Einheit durch den Geist unsres Herrn.

Denn wir werden als Christen an der Liebe erkannt,
ja, wir werden an der Liebe erst erkannt.



After the Service- Fellowship Time

Join us in the Community Center for fellowship and refreshments.

Acknowledgements for Worship Resources

Could It Be That God Is Singing

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Jesus Loves Me

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Music: William B Bradbury, *The Golden Shower*, 1862

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Text & Music: African American spiritual

What Does the Lord Require of You?

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Music: Jim Strathdee

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