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Welcome to

# First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



## Earth Day

April 24, 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

“Elegy for the Arctic” by Ludovico Einaudi

Welcome & Announcements

♪ *Planets Humming as They Wander* Voices Together 175

Call to Worship

Leader: Today, we pray for those who are most vulnerable among us

**People: and who are most impacted by climate change.**

Leader: We pray for the waters, the plants,  
all living creatures and the earth

**People: with gratitude, that we may recognize their sacredness  
and participate in their restoration.**

Leader: We pray that our political leaders and world leaders

**People: would become more active in  
reducing carbon emissions worldwide.**

Leader: We pray that we will find the motivation  
to respond to climate change

**People: in our own lives, congregations, and communities.**

Leader: We pray for local, community, and business leaders

**People: to help make communities healthier and greener  
while centering those who are vulnerable.**

Leader: We pray for the youth and future generations,

**People: who will live with the growing consequences of climate change.**

**All: Amen**

Passing the Peace

♪ *At the Dawn of Your Creation* (vs. 1-3) VT 179

♪ Call for Children: *Let the Children Come to Me* VT 512

Children’s Time

♪ *Gloria* VT 94

Invocation

♪ *The Garden Needs Our Tending Now* VT 788

## Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Genesis 1:31

♪ *O Healing River*

VT 706

Meditation #1

“A Fierce Wake-Up Call”

♪ *Touch the Earth Lightly*

VT 145

Meditation #2

“Reflections and a Call to Community”

♪ *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Hymnal: A Worship Book 482

Chimes

## Community & Sharing

Offertory

“To a Water-lily, Op. 51 No. 6” (from *Woodland Sketches* by Edward MacDowell)

Prayer & Benediction

♪ *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

VT 550

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *This Is God’s Wondrous World*

VT 180

## Leadership for this Service

**Worship Leaders:** Jim Dunn, Jennifer Miller, and Glenn Balzer

**Meditations:** Jim Dunn and Jennifer Miller

**Song Leader:** Charlie Ferguson

**Musician:** Romaine Anderson

**Children’s Time:** Madeline and Vicky Mierau

**Cover Art:** “Holy Spirit- God With Us” by Erin Wentorf

**Sanctuary Arts:** Paul Johnson, Jennifer Miller, and Rachel Barnes

**Sound & Video Tech:** Evan and Derek Miller

**Bulletin & PowerPoint Production:** Marie Voth

**Lead Usher:** Angie Nofziger

*Thanks to all who generously shared their attention and talents to make this service a time of encouragement and challenge in our walk of faith.*

## After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

11:00am Climate Group Q&A (Sanctuary)