

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Jars of Clay

April 3, 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

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Voices Together 7

Vs 1 Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise God's name!
Praise the Lord, our great creator; all you angels, praise proclaim.
All you hosts, together praising, sun and moon and stars on high.
Praise the Lord, O heav'ns of heavens, and the floods above the sky.

Refrain God, we praise you, hallelujah, for your name alone is high.
And your glory is exalted, and your glory is exalted,
And your glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky!

Vs 2 Let them praise the Lord Creator; they were made at God's command,
Who established them forever, whose decree shall ever stand.
From the earth, O praise your maker, raging seas, you creatures all,
Fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear the call.

Vs 3 All you fruitful trees and cedars, ev'ry hill and mountain high,
Creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
Crowns of earth from ev'ry nation, rulers great, earth's judges all;
Praise together, all you people, aged ones and children small.

Here I Am, Lord

VT 545

Vs 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Vs 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Vs 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will call the poor by name.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Welcome & Announcements

Mennonite Education Fund Update

♪ *Spirit of the Living God*

VT 740

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

♪ *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

VT 373

Vs 1 Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Vs 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Vs 3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Vs 4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never dies,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Call to Worship

VT 866

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

Passing the Peace

♪ *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues*

VT 764

Vs 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
with glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace.

Vs 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music to the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

Vs 3 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Vs 4 My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Vs 5 Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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.

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

♪ *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

VT 685

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Meditation

"Jars of Clay"

♪ *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

VT 670

- Vs 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- Vs 2 There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Vs 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Jesus Paid It All (by John T Grape; arr. Lloyd Larson)

Prayer & Benediction

♪ *There Is More Love Somewhere*

VT 804

There is more love* somewhere.

There is more love somewhere.

I'm gonna keep on till I find it.

There is more love somewhere

**Additional verses: hope, peace, joy*

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Rain Down*

VT 703

Refrain Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.

Vs 1 Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth.

Vs 2 We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

Vs 3 God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
All of our hope lies in you.



After the Service- Fellowship Time

Join us in the Community Center for fellowship and refreshments.



Acknowledgements for Worship Resources

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

Text: based on Psalm 148; *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; adapt. William J Kirkpatrick, ca. 1893
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Here I Am, Lord

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Text: Edwin Hatch, *Between Doubt and Prayer*, 1878, alt.
Music: Robert Jackson, *Fifty Sacred Leaflets*, 1888

“Open our ears to hear your word”

By Carol Penner, 2019

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740, alt.

Music: Carl G Glaser; arr. Lowell Mason, *Modern Psalmist*, 1839

Jesus Loves Me

Text: Anna B Warner, 1859

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

Gloria

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