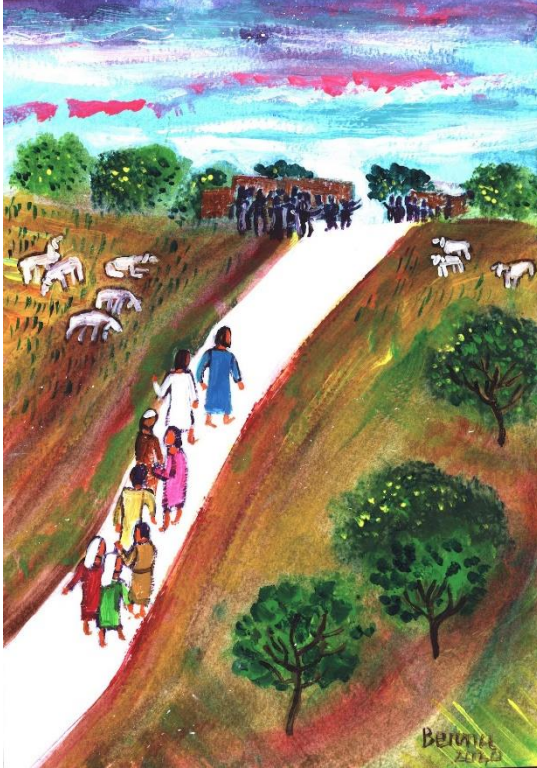


Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Jesus and the Nomads

June 26, 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

Prelude Music

God Bless the Child (Billie Holiday)

Welcome & Announcements

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Voices Together 182

Vs 1 I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

Vs 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

Vs 3 There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee but God is present there.

Call to Worship

VT 1050

Leader: From where we are to where you need us:

All: *Jesus, now lead on.*

Leader: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you
will reveal:

All: *Jesus, now lead on.*

Leader: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape
of your kingdom:

All: *Jesus, now lead on.*

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God:

All: *Jesus, now lead on.*

Passing the Peace

Invocation

♪ *Call for Children: As I Went Down to the River to Pray* (vs. 3) **VT 453**

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Children's Time

♪ *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* (vs. 3) **VT 453**

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Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but

as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

♪ ***I Sought the Lord*** (vs 1)

VT 161

Vs 1 I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true,
no, I was found of thee.

Meditation

“Jesus and the Nomads”

♪ ***I Sought the Lord*** (vs 2, 3)

VT 161

Vs 2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold,
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.
‘Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

Vs 3 I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
always thou lovedst me.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

Wayfaring Stranger (American traditional)

Benediction

♪ ***Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore***

VT 283

Vs 1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

Vs 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons,
but nets for fishing, my daily labor.

Vs 3 You need my hands, full of caring;
use my labors to give others rest,
with love desiring to keep on loving.

Vs 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
call me "beloved," and seek my friendship.

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

VT 536

Vs 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

Vs 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

Vs 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

11:00am JYF & MYF activities



Acknowledgements for Worship Resources

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Text: Isaac Watts, *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*, 1715, alt.

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg*, 1784; harm. William H Monk, *Appendix to Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1868

“From where we are to where you need us”

By Wild Goose Worship Group, 2000

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

Text & Music: African American spiritual

I Sought the Lord

Text: *Holy Songs, Carols, and Sacred Ballads*, 1880

Music: J Harold Moyer, 1965, *The Mennonite Hymnal*, ©1969 Faith & Life Press/Mennonite Publishing House

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Tú has venido a la orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)

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Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979, *Dios con nosotros*, ©1979 Cesáreo Gabaráin and Ediciones Paulinas (admin. OCP Publications)

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Music: English traditional, *English Country Songs*, 1893; adapt. And harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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