

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



**What can possibly be wrong
with unity?**

June 6, 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten (arr. Shackley)

Welcome & Announcements

God of the Bible

Voices Together 420

Vs 1 God of the Bible, God in the gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Vs 2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Vs 3 Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Vs 4 Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Vs 5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
Bonding us gladly one to the other,
Till our world changes facing the cross.

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

Invocation

♪ Children's Time: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Vs 1 I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
(repeat)

Vs 2 I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
(repeat)

Vs 3 I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
(repeat)

Vs 4 I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river
I've got peace, love, and joy like a river in my soul
(repeat)

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

♪ **Let This Mind Be in You**

VT 572

Let this mind be in you, let this mind be in you,
let this mind be in you that is also in Jesus.

Meditation

“What can possibly be wrong with unity?”

♪ **Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace**

VT 719

Refrain Jesus, help us live in peace, from our blindness set us free.
Fill us with your healing love. Help us live in unity.

Vs 1 Many times we don't agree on what's right or wrong to do.
It's so hard to really see from the other's point of view.

Vs 2 How we long for pow'r and fame, seeking ev'ry earthly thing.
We forget the one who came as a servant, not a king.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

Silence my Soul (text: R Tagore, S Park; music: F Feliciano)

Benediction

♪ **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

VT 812

Vs 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace did invite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your reign and to answer your call.

Vs 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing the children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace did invite us, your love shall unite us
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

VT 681

Refrain Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Vs 1 Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Vs 2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.

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### **After the Service**

**10:45am Fellowship Hour** (Community Center)

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

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