

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Who Isn't My Neighbor?

July 10, 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

St. Denio (Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise) (arr. J Carter)

Welcome & Announcements

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Voices Together 98

- Vs 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- Vs 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
 Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- Vs 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
 In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- Vs 4 Great God of all glory, great God of all light,
 Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
 All praise we would render; O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Call to Worship

VT 1046

- Leader: If there is to be peace in the world,
People: there must be peace in the nations.
- Leader: If there is to be peace in the nations,
People: there must be peace in the cities.
- Leader: If there is to be peace in the cities,
People: there must be peace between neighbors.

Leader: If there is to be peace between neighbors,

People: there must be peace in the home.

Leader: If there is to be peace in the home,

People: there must be peace in the heart.

♪ ***Come, Gracious Spirit***

VT 371

Vs 1 Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove,
With light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
O'er ev'ry thought and step preside,
O'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

Vs 2 Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.
That we must take to dwell with God.

Vs 3 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
Fullness of joy forever there.
Lead us to our eternal rest,
To be with God forever bless'd,
To be with God forever bless'd.

Passing the Peace

♪ **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

♪ ***Alleluia***

VT 650

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

♪ What Is the World Like

VT 298

Vs 1 What is the world like when God's call is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil, branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

Vs 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;

watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

Vs 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

Vs 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

Vs 5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit, who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Meditation

"Who Isn't My Neighbor?"

♪ *One is the Body*

VT 386

Vs 1 One is the body and one is the Head,
One is the Spirit by whom we are lead;
One God and Mother, one faith, and one call for all.

Vs 2 Christ who ascended to heaven above
Is the same Jesus whose nature is love,
Who once descended to bring to this earth new birth.

Vs 3 Gifts have been given well suited to each,
Some to be prophets, to pastor or preach,
Some, through the gospel, to challenge, convert, and teach.

Vs 4 Called into service are women and men
So that this body might ever again
Witness through worship, through deed
And through word to Christ our Lord.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead (arr. J Carter)

Benediction

♪ *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

VT 647

Refrain There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Vs 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Vs 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

VT 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.

After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

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## **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

### *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Text: Walter C Smith, *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, 1867, alt.

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### *“If there is to be peace in the world”*

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### *Come, Gracious Spirit*

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Text: Anna B Warner, 1859

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### *What Is the World Like*

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### *One Is the Body*

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### *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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### *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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