

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



So Jesus Went on a Sabbatical

August 21, 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

Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 29 (JS Bach; arr. M Aston)

Welcome & Announcements

Over My Head

VT 594

Refrain Over my head, I hear music in the air; (x3)
there must be a God somewhere.

Vs 1 Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air*; (x3)
there must be a God somewhere.

Vs 2 And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air*; (x3)
there must be a God somewhere.

Vs 3 Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air*; (x3)
there must be a God somewhere.

My Soul Cries Out

VT 412

Vs 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Vs 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
 you work great things in me,
 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
 to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame,
 and to those who would for you yearn,
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
 for the world is about to turn

Vs 3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
 not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your justice tears
 ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more
 for the food they can never earn;
 there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 for the world is about to turn.

Vs 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
 we remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us
 from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that our forebears heard
 is the promise which holds us bound,
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
 who is turning the world around.

♪ Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

VT 131

Vs 1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
 O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
 Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
 In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Vs 2 Love, I will love you, Lord...

Vs 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord...

Call to Worship

VT 1040

Leader: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

**People: we commit to truth and integrity,
and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

**People: we choose to be proactive in love,
and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

**People: we embrace the mystery of faith,
and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.**

Leader: In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,

**People: we choose again to follow Christ,
and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.**

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

♪ *Gloria*

VT 94

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-3

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was

famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

♪ ***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.

Meditation

“So Jesus went on a Sabbatical”

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

Le Jardin de Dolly Op. 56 No. 3 (arr. G Fauré)

Benediction

♪ ***You Are Salt for the Earth***

VT 297

Vs 1 You are salt for the earth, O people,
Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!

Vs 2 You are a light on the hill, O people,
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the kingdom of God!

Vs 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people,
Bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the kingdom of God!

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ You Are Salt for the Earth

VT 297

Vs 4 We are a bless'd and a pilgrim people,
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!



After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

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Over My Head

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