

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



Scripture: Its Complicated

August 28, 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

Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul (M Hayes)

Welcome & Announcements

God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

VT 539

Vs 1 God speaks to us in bird and song,
in winds that drift the clouds along,
above the din and toil of wrong,
a melody of love.

Vs 2 God speaks to us in far and near,
in peace of home and friends most dear,
from faded past and present clear,
a melody of love.

Vs 3 God speaks to us in darkest night,
by quiet ways through mornings bright,
when shadows fall with evening light,
a melody of love.

Vs 4 O Voice divine, speak unto me,
beyond the earth, beyond the sea,
and let me echo joyfully
a melody of love.

For the Beauty of the Earth

VT 120

Vs 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Vs 2 For the beauty of each our of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:

Vs 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart of mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Vs 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Vs 5 For each perfect gift and sign to this world so freely giv'n;
graces human and divine, love uniting earth and heav'n:

Call to Worship

VT 1003

Leader: Compassionate Christ, if you are my light,

People: shine in me.

Leader: If you are my life,

People: live in me.

Leader: If you are my jewel,

People: adorn me with beauty.

Leader: If you are my joy,

People: rejoice in me.

Leader: If I am your dwelling place,

People: inhabit me.

Leader: May I full be your instrument, that my body, my soul,
and my spirit may be holy.

**All: *Eternal Way, lead me! Eternal Truth, teach me!
Eternal Life, revive me!***

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

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (First Nations Version)

But you should keep following the ways you have been taught, the teachings you are sure of, for you know who it was who taught you. From the time you were a young boy you have know the Sacred Teachings that are able to make you wise as you trust in the one who has set you free and made you whole, Creator Sets Free the Chosen One.

All the Sacred Teachings come from the breath of the Great Spirit and help us to teach others about Creator's ways. They help us correct wrong thinking and bring lives into balance. They show the good and right way to walk the road of life. In this way, those who walk with the Great Spirit will have everything that is needed to do good things for others.

♪ In Christ There is No East or West

VT 390

- Vs 1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
- Vs 2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- Vs 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- Vs 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North.
All Christly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Meditation

"Scripture: Its Complicated"

♪ The Church's One Foundation

VT 397

- Vs 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;
we are a new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be;
through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free..

- Vs 2 The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth;
our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;
one name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.
- Vs 3 Still, schisms, tribulation, and hatred fuel our war;
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore.
The saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- Vs 4 Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth (C Kocher; arr. J Carter)

Benediction

♪ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

VT 419

- Vs 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!

- Vs 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Vs 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *There Is More Love Somewhere*

VT 804

Vs 1 There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on till I find it.
There is more love somewhere

Vs 2 There is more hope somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on till I find it.
There is more hope somewhere

Vs 3 There is more peace somewhere.
There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on till I find it.
There is more peace somewhere

Vs 4 There is more joy somewhere.
There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on till I find it.
There is more joy somewhere



After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

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God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

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In Christ There is No East or West

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The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J Stone, *Lyra Fidelium*, 1866, alt.

Music: Samuel S Wesley, *Selection of Psalms and Hymns*, 1864

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O Chisholm, *Songs of Salvation and Service*, 1923

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There Is More Love Somewhere

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