

Welcome to

# **First Mennonite Church**

*Denver, CO*



## **In the Twinkling of an Eye**

**September 4, 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

Nos. 1 and 4 from *Six Etudes in Canon Form*, Op. 56 (R Schumann, arr. G Bizet)

### Welcome & Announcements

#### *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song*

**Voices Together 496**

Vs 1 I owe the Lord a morning song of gratitude and praise,  
for the kind mercy freely shown in length'ning out my days.

Vs 2 God kept me safe another night; I see another day.  
Now, Holy Spirit, as the light, direct me in your way.

Vs 3 Keep me from danger and from sin, help me your will to do,  
So that my heart be pure within, and I your goodness know.

Vs 4 Keep me until you call me hence, where never night can be,  
and save me, God, for Jesus' sake; he shed his blood for me.

### Call to Worship

**VT 380**

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts,  
but the same Spirit

**People: There are different ways  
to serve the same God,  
and we can each do different things.**

Leader: Yet the same God works in all of us  
and helps us in everything we do.

**People: The revelation of the Spirit is given  
to each for the common good.**

### Passing the Peace

♪ **Call for Children: *Let the Children Come to Me***

**VT 512**

Let the children come to me; let the children come.  
Never hinder them; never stop them.  
Oh, let the children come.  
Oh, let the children come, let them come.

**Children's Time**

♪ **Gloria**

**VT 94**

**Invocation**

**Faith Reflection**

**Chimes**

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 43:16-19**

Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down; they cannot rise;  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.

♪ **Joys Are Flowing like a River**

**VT 375**

Vs 1 Joys are flowing like a river  
    Since the Comforter has come,  
    Who abides with us forever,  
    Makes the trusting heart a home.

*Refrain* Blessed quietness, holy quietness-  
What assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me-  
How the billows cease to roll!

Vs 2 Like the rain that falls from heaven,  
Like the sunlight from the sky,  
So the Holy Ghost is given,  
Coming on us from on high.

Vs 3 See, a fruitful field is growing,  
Blessed fruit of righteousness,  
And the streams of life are flowing  
In the lonely wilderness.

Vs 4 What a wonderful salvation,  
Where we always see God's face!  
What a perfect habitation,  
What a quiet resting place!

## **Meditation**

## **"In the Twinkling of an Eye"**

### **♪ On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand**

**VT 661**

Vs 1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

*Refrain* I'm bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.  
Oh, who will come and go with me? I'm bound for the promised land.

Vs 2 There gen'rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow.  
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.

Vs 3 All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.  
There God the sun forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Vs 4 Filled with delight, my raptured soul can here no longer stay.  
Though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.

## Chimes

# Community & Sharing

## Offertory

No. 6 from *Six Etudes in Canon Form*, Op. 56 (R Schumann, arr. G Bizet)

## Benediction

### ♪ *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT 170

Vs 1 Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin:  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

*Refrain* Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All sufficient grace for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!

Vs 2 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Vs 3 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most reviled,  
By its transforming power making me God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

## Congregational Sharing & Introductions

### Pastoral Prayer

♪ **There Are Many Gifts**

**VT 374**

*Refrain* There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are many works, but the same God,  
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses.  
Alleluia, praise God!

*Vs 1* Now one has the gift of wisdom,  
and other the calling to speak,  
one the ability to comfort,  
another the calling to teach.

*Vs 2* A body has many members,  
yet all work in unity.  
The church is the body of Christ,  
his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet.

*Vs 3* Not all are called to be prophets,  
and not all are called to preach,  
but all should aim for the best gifts  
and love is the greatest of these.



**After the Service**

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

# **Acknowledgements for Worship Resources**

## *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song*

Text & Music: Amos Herr, *Hymns and Tunes...*, 1890, alt.

## *Let the Children Come to Me*

Text: James V Marchionda

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## *Joys Are Flowing like a River*

Text: Manie P Ferguson, ca. 1897, alt.

Music: W S Marshall, ca. 1897; adapt. James M Kirk, 1900

## *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

Text: Samuel Stennett, *A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors*, 1787

Music: American traditional, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. J Harold Moyer, 1965, *The Mennonite Hymnal*, ©1969 Faith & Life Press/Mennonite Publishing House

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## *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

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## *There Are Many Gifts*

Text: based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-12; Patricia Shelly, 1976, *Many Gifts*, 1977, alt.

Music: Patricia Shelly, 1976, *Many Gifts*, 1977

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