



“... small paper lanterns lighting the way.”

Faith Formation Sunday

Love Jesus· Grow in Faith· Change the World·
September 12, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 42 & 43)*

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so we long for you, O God.

WE THIRST FOR YOU, THE LIVING GOD.

WHEN CAN WE COME AND STAND IN YOUR PRESENCE?

Through each day,
the Lord pours his unfailing love upon us,
**THROUGH EACH NIGHT WE SING HIS SONGS,
PRAYING TO THE GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE.**

Send out your light and your truth, O God.
Let them guide us to Your holy mountain,
to the place where you live. *(continued inside)*

**THEN WE WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD,
TO GOD – THE SOURCE OF ALL OUR JOY.**

HYMN *God of the Bible* (STJ 27)

Children’s Time – Bible Dedications

Kindergarten: *Liam Shetler, Isabella Yoder*

3rd Grade: *Joanna Wenger*

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A Blessing for Teachers & Learners * *(see back!)*

HYMN *Longing for light* (STJ 54) verses 1,2, and 5

Scripture *Ephesians 3:14-21*

Sermon

Music for Meditation
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

HYMN *Guide my feet* (HWB 546)
Benediction

Postlude ... *remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. The live stream will conclude at the end of the postlude. Sunday School begins at 10:45am.*

*Adapted from a litany provided by MennoMedia.
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Sound System: Earl Ediger
Live Stream Tech: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader & Scripture Reader: Star Gipson
Children's Time & Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

WELCOME!!
We are so glad you are here!

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A Blessing for Teachers & Learners (MennoMedia)

One: God, you sent Jesus into the world to show us how to live as God's people. We give thanks today for young children ready to hear about Jesus, and for teachers willing to tell them about Jesus. Inspire each of our teachers with the desire to share the story of Jesus so each child is invited to choose to love him and follow in his way. As they worship, pray, play, create, and learn Bible stories, may each be inspired to love Jesus and live like him every day.

**ALL: AS WE HEAR AND SHARE GOD'S STORY TOGETHER,
MAY OUR HEARTS BE OPENED TO LOVE JESUS.**

One: God, we are all created, known, and loved by you; each person's faith journey is unique. The Bible offers guidance for this journey, revealing your work in the world and how to be part of the ongoing story of your people. We give thanks for older children and youth seeking guidance on their journey of faith, and for their families, this congregation and teachers ready to help develop a relationship with you that will sustain and encourage throughout their lives. And we remember all of us, no matter our age, are still on a journey of faith and learning. Faith is not only a personal connection to you; it grows within community. Together from the youngest to the oldest, we will listen to your Spirit, learn from each other, and discern how to faithfully follow you.

**ALL: AS WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL TOGETHER,
MAY WE ALL GROW IN FAITH.**

One: Beyond these walls lies a hurting world. God, your love transforms us so we can participate in the healing of the world. There are so many problems, we wonder where to start. As we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, together we make your kingdom a reality here and now. As we study your word in Scripture together and talk about how it connects to our lives, next steps become clear. We challenge each other to share your love and peace with everyone we meet.

**ALL: WHEN WE SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM TOGETHER,
THE WORLD IS CHANGED.**