

# Mennonite Education Sunday Bethel College \* "Excellence in Christ" February 20, 2022

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147)\*
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.
Make music upon the harp.
How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!
HOW GOOD IT IS TO SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth.

The wandering ones are gathered together,
the brokenhearted are healed,
the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed,
the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

HOW GOOD IT IS TO SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD!

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—

clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

HOW GOOD IT IS TO SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD!

HYMN Let the whole creation cry HWB 51

Lighting the Peace Lamp - Praying for God's Peace\*\*

**Open Road** Yonder come day ... Paul John Rudoi

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
Sermon (recorded) "Excellence in Christ"

#### HYMN Jesus Christ is waiting STJ 30

### Prayers of the People (with The Lord's Prayer)

Open Road Ubi caritas ...Ola Gjeilo

Rain in the Valley ... Steel Wheels

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** ... please remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. Sunday School begins at 10:45am.

\*\*The **Peace Lamp** is lit each Sunday as a reminder of our conviction that as followers of Jesus we are called to participate daily in Jesus' ministry of peace and justice. As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we are sharing each week an excerpt from one of the Peace Essays given by Senior Youth at FMC over the years, beginning in 2001.

Live Stream Tech: Jay Gehring Sound: Earl Ediger, Allen Yoder Nursery Attendant: Susan Combs Ushers: Dennis and Jennalee Boggs Piano: Shelley Kauffman Worship Leader: Maggie Goering Children's Time: Jean Gaeddert Scripture Reader: Joel Iwashige

Sermon: Bethel College Campus Pastor Michael Unruh

## **WELCOME!!**

We are so glad you are here!

First Mennonite Church www.hutchfmc.org

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from a litany written by Rev. Donald Jansma, in Service of Thanksgiving.