



Signs of the Spirit Guiding Us **July 7, 2024**

GATHERED IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Prelude ... the chime is rung as an invitation to lean into God's presence

Opening Proclamation: Psalm 43:3

*O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

L: Loving God, life of the universe,

ALL: WE GATHER TO WORSHIP YOU.

L: Great Creator, who formed us in your image,

ALL: WE GATHER TO WORSHIP YOU.

L: Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

ALL: WE GATHER TO WORSHIP YOU.

L: Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us always the holy
breath of life,

**ALL: TOGETHER WE GATHER
TO WORSHIP YOU. AMEN**

Opening Prayer

HYMN We Praise Thee, O God VT 91

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN Blessed Assurance VT 435

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *1 John 5:6-20; John 16:7-12*

HYMN *And I Will Raise You Up* VT 641

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

HYMN *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* VT 581

Benediction (VT 1056)

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo (*Rubber Band Heart*) on front of the bulletin: Julie Goering

*Call to Worship: from Words for Worship 2 #10 (Diane Zaerr Brenneman. Herald Press 2009)

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Cindy Kroeker
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Scripture Reader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Children's Time: Heidi Unruh
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14 - Quest: The Awakened Traveler A worship series for widening our perspectives and loving our neighbors. Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and 'journey' a deeply felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. "Quest" comes from the Latin root meaning "ask, seek." This worship series (adapted from a series created by Worship Design Studio) encourages us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers - not merely tourists - experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures. ***Worship on July 14 will introduce the theme and include communion ... food for the journey!*** Your stories are invited throughout the series – talk with Pastor Tonya!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- **Sunday School @ 11:00am**

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Dates for summer Sunday School for pre-school thru Sr. Youth
July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18
- July 8 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- July 10 – Book study, 1:00pm – **Love Without Limits** (Bussie)
- July 12 & 13 – Mini Comforter Blitz at MCC
- July 13 – Mennonite Friendship Communities car show and food truck, 5:30-8:00pm
- July 14 – "Quest" Worship Series begins; with Communion
- July 27 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen
- August 2-4 – WDC annual assembly, Beatrice NE (delegates needed, on-line or in person options)

PERSONAL and FAMILY MEDITATION:

Upper Room – July-August issue has not arrived. Publisher is unresponsive.
We apologize for this inconvenience.

REJOICE! – the August-September issue will be arriving this month.

LEADING WORSHIP AT MENNONITE FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITIES (mfc)

FMC – together with other supporting congregations – leads the Sunday morning (10:00am) worship services at **mfc**. Our turn comes on the 2nd Sunday of even numbered months. Our participation is a ministry to those who are not able to get out to attend church services. Residents appreciate God's love shared with them through scripture, music and the expressions of love and care. If you are able, would you consider sharing your gifts in this ministry? Our next opportunities will be August 11, October 13 and December 8. Please contact Pastor Jim.



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