



QUEST:

*The
Awakened
Traveler*

*Travel as a
Spiritual Act*

Week Five: Stories of Encounter

August 11, 2024

WE GATHER

The chime is rung as an invitation to settle with gratitude into this moment, this place, with these people and the God who gathers us in.

Prelude

Words for the Journey

Opening Prayer (in unison)

*Life-giving God,
may your Holy Spirit inspire
our praise and our prayers.*

*Open our hearts and minds to your presence
among us and within us.*

*Come alive in our words and actions
as we lead in worship.*

*To you alone belongs all praise and honor
and glory and blessing,
now and to the end of time.*

Amen.

HYMN *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* VT 428

Prayer of Confession:

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
through what we have done and left undone.*

Forgive us when we turn away.

Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.

Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Peace of the Risen Christ is with you!

And also with you! (Fellowship Greeting)

HYMN *At the Dawn of Your Creation* VT 179

WE LISTEN & PROCLAIM

Our Quest for Peace – *Lighting the Peace Lamp*

Children’s Time (*with Back to School Blessing*)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1

Stories of “Encounter”

WE RESPOND & SHARE OUR STORIES

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (with Lord’s Prayer)

Ministry Moment: Congregational Ministry Team (CMT)

WE VENTURE FORTH

Announcements

HYMN *Praise God (Dedication Anthem)* VT 70

Benediction

Postlude

*This eight-week QUEST worship series is adapted from a four-week series developed by Worship Design Studio (www.worshipdesignstudio.com).

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.

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: Jonathan Wenger
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Jon Miller

Lighting the Peace Lamp and Prayers of the People: Santalena Caudillo

Children’s Time: Delon Martens & Tonya Ramer Wenger

Scripture Reader: Joy Miller

Storytellers: Delon and Joretta Martens

Ministry Moment: Jennalee Boggs, Congregational Ministry Team

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!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- Pastor Jim is leading the 10am worship service at Mennonite Friendship Communities

LOOKING AHEAD:

- August 12 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- August 18 – Sr. Youth Kick-off event beginning with lunch
- August 25 – assemble MCC School Kits following worship (in the fellowship hall)

REMINDERS:

- ***Anabaptist World*** subscription renewals due in the church office August 20.
- **School Supplies** for MCC School Kits brought to the purple bin by August 18.

Southern Africa Drought Response – 2024

Due to extreme drought conditions in Zambia, food production and clean water supply are being affected. MCC is partnering with the Compassionate Ministry of the Brethren in Christ Church of Zambia to help with the hunger concerns. They are wanting to raise \$60,000 to help feed 475 hungry families. We would like to put before you, our FMC family, a challenge to help raise these funds. Anonymous arrangements have been made to match up to \$2,000 of our contributions. A flyer giving additional information on this opportunity is attached. Checks may be written to First Mennonite Church with the designation, ***Southern Africa Drought Response - 2024***. We would like all donations to be in by Sunday, August 18, after which they will be forwarded to the Central States MCC Office in North Newton. MCC welcomes our support for this emergency food ministry. Please contact us if you have any questions. – Delon & Joretta Martens



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