

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



WEEK 2: INTERDEPENDENCE

We hope and act recognizing our dependence on God, and our interdependence with all other beings in the web of life.

September 15, 2024

Spirit bears witness with our own wild souls, reminding us that we are co-inhabitants, living in utter interdependence with All. And as kin, we inherit our place in the land, participants in Christ, if indeed we feel the pain together, so that we, with all beings, may be celebrated together.

(Romans 8:16-17 as translated/paraphrased by Victoria Loorz in her book Church of the Wild; page 178)

CREATING GOD, GATHER US IN...

...the chime is an invitation to lean, in trust, into God's presence.

Prelude

Opening Words (Psalm 42:1)

Call to Worship*

One: We gather here, made in the image of God,
the Creator,

ALL: Who created in love.

One: We gather in the name of the redeemer,
our Savior Jesus Christ,

ALL: Who reconciles all of Creation.

One: We gather in the presence of the life giver,
your Holy Spirit,
ALL: Who inspires new life and instills hope.

Welcome!

HYMN *O Worship Our God* VT 129
Passing the Peace of Christ & Fellowship Greeting

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US, TODAY

HYMN *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* VT 423

Praying for Peace with Creation** Siaka Traoré (Burkina Faso)
Children's Time

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 8; Romans 8:16-17*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE SHARE OUR STORIES

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

Announcements

WE LEAVE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S STORY

HYMN *At the Dawn of Your Creation* VT 179

Benediction

Postlude

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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: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Usher: Susan Combs
Nursery: Stephanie Gehring
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Calvin Buller
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Scripture Reader: DeAnna Goering
Children's Time: Calvin Nisly
Sermon: Anita Kehr

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 Common Grounds Room
- Sunday School for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Pastor Tonya is back in the office on Thursday Sept 19
- Sept 22: Bible Dedication Sunday & Peace Sunday
- Sept 25 @ 1:00pm: Fall book study begins. Contact church office.
- Sept 28: FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen (volunteer on the signup sheets across from the mailboxes)
- Sept 29: 10:45am Safe Sanctuaries Training
NOON Church Potluck/Picnic @ Herman Bunte Park

REMINDERS:

- Pastors Congregation Relations Committee will meet September 26. Feel free to share affirmations/concerns/questions with Peggy Stucky, Kevin Martin-Nisly or Adam Pounds.

Adult Sunday School Opportunities

- **Salt & Light Bible Study** meets in Adult SS room in the basement.
- **Connection & Conversation** meets in the library to discuss themes from worship/sermon
- **Adult Discussion** meets in the fellowship hall and can be joined via Zoom; *discussion of Mennonite World Conference Transmission series*

BEGINS TODAY! Forum on Democracy and Christianity with

David Gushee @ Bethel College: September 15: Bethel College Mennonite Church 9:30am worship; 10:30 Sunday School. Memorial Hall, 3-6pm: forum on democracy and Christianity with a panel of local leaders and a chance for table discussion. **September 16:** Gushee will speak in convocation at 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel.



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