

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



WEEK 3: REVEALING

*We hope and act for the revealing of God's sacred presence
in human and more-than-human creation.*

September 29, 2024

*Consider that the sufferings of our present times are not as
weighty as the lingering presence of the Sacred that will be
fully revealed in us all. The whole creation longs with eager
expectation for this unveiling of the human, beloved ones.*

Romans 8:18-19 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*

*God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlight morning, God of the forest and
shining sea, God of the blooming desert and rolling grasslands – shine on us today
and bless us with your presence.*

Call to Worship (VT 887)

Welcome!

HYMN *O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art* VT 436
Passing the Peace of Christ & Fellowship Greeting

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

HYMN *In the Bulb There Is A Flower* VT 670
Praying for Peace with Creation

Children's Time

HYMN *Like a Rock* VT 63

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 19:1-6; John 2:1-11*
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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182
Benediction (VT 1061) *May the warm winds of heaven blow softly upon you,
and may the Great Spirit make Sunrise in your heart.*

Postlude

***Opening Words:** Anne Rowthorn; [God's Good Earth: praise and prayers for creation](#), pg 14

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
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: no one assigned
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Calvin Buller
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Scripture Reader: Cheryl Warkentin
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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
- **10:45-11:30am Safe Sanctuaries Training** in fellowship hall
- **Church Picnic/Potluck** @ Herman & Helen Bunte Park; meal begins at **Noon**

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Oct 2:** Pastor Tonya's Day Apart – no office hours
- **Oct 13:** FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities – speak to Pastor Jim if you can volunteer to help.
- **Oct 14:** Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm. Join in ministry & fellowship.
- **Oct 16:** Wednesday Night @ First begins – six weeks on the work and ministry of Mennonite Central Committee (details coming)
- **Oct 19:** FMC workday – 8am ending with lunch. Watch for details.
- **Oct 27:** FMC budget meeting @10:55am in fellowship hall
- **Oct 31:** Donuts on the lawn for our neighborhood guests
- **Nov 17:** Mission Festival with Robert Yutzy (KIPCOR) as speaker

Opportunities to support local causes – for details, visit THIS WEEK posted on Tuesdays on our website

- Oct 1 – Mennonite Friendship Communities open house
- Oct 5 – Bethel College Fall Fest
- Oct 7 – Salthawk Community Support Chili Supper
- Oct 10 – Open Door Health Service Fundraising Banquet
- Oct 13 – CROP Hunger Walk
- Oct 29 – “Evening at the Burt,” Mennonite Friendship Comm

Scripture Readers invited: We invite you to participate in our worship services by reading scripture. Check the signup board to volunteer.

Western District Conference invites you to subscribe to their weekly Tuesday announcement email – news, events, resources, inspiration. Contact them at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.



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