

Summit Mennonite Church
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Worship 10 a.m.

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Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need.

February 27, 2022

•**Prelude:** William Troyer

•**Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle:** William Troyer

•**Call to Worship:** William Troyer

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creating Presence,
as in the beginning you hover over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures;
without you every living creature dies and returns to nothing.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us prayers too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
you are light; you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each of us
and will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

All: Come Holy Spirit

•**Opening Songs: STJ #1 We Sing to You, O God**

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.
You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

VT #424 We Worship God the Rock

We worship God the Rock, unmoved, secure,
like mountains which from ages past endure,
a strong foundation for our faith and life, our rock of confidence in storm and strife.
We worship God the Rock, unmoved, secure.

We worship God the River, flowing fast, with life renewing waters sweeping past,
a stream creating good to bless the earth, and bringing beauty in new forms to birth. We
worship God the River, flowing fast.

We worship God the Rock and River, one; without the water, life had not begun;
without the rock, the river could not flow; we find both true, when God we fully know. We
worship God the Rock and River, one.

•**Scripture:** Luke 6:39-49 William Troyer

•**Sermon:** Optics Patrick Nafziger

•**Song of Response:** VT #555 **Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing**

Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing into thy holy likeness to grow,
thirsting for more and deeper communion, yearning thy love more fully to know.

Refrain:

Open the wells of grace and salvation, pour the rich streams deep into my heart.
Cleanse and refine my thought and affection, seal me and make me pure as thou art.
Dead to the world would I be, O Savior, dead unto sin, alive unto thee.
Crucify all the earthly within me, emptied of sin and self may I be.
I would be thine and serve thee forever, filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love,
Come to my heart, Lord, come with anointing, showers of grace send down from above.

•**Sharing Joys and Concerns:** William Troyer

•**Congregational Prayer:** William Troyer

•**Offering:** William Troyer

•**Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees:** William Troyer

•**Closing Song:** STS #57 **Go, My Friends, in Grace**

Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.
Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.
Walk, my friends, in peace, within this fallen world.
Where you walk, God is there, within this fallen world.
Serve, my friends, in love, your neighbors and your foes.
Where you serve, God is there, in neighbors and in foes.
Come again, my friends, to worship and to pray.
When we meet, God is there, Benedictus Deus. (Blessed be God)

•**Sending Blessing:** William Troyer

Worship Leader: William Troyer

Worship Planner: Vivian Jaberg

Pianist: William Troyer

Bulletin: Deb Barry

Zoom: William Troyer

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 22

General Offering: \$680

\$2,132 needed to meet Spending Plan

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Deb Byler, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and the women leaders of the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala have resumed their ministries after more than a year of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for their safety in travel, spirit-inspired teaching and healing from traumas that many of the women have experienced.

TODAY

BAGS OF LOVE DECORATION: The children and youth are invited to come to the church during the worship hour (10:00-11:00) to decorate paper bags which will be used for the "Bags of Love" project. Parents are welcome, too!

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6

•We will be meeting together in-person!

•Lenten Worship Sunday and Evening Prayer on Wed.

We will be celebrating the first Sunday of Lent. Our theme for the Lenten season is "Seeking God's Ways," based on Isaiah 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Lent is a time to repent--to turn from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God, revealed in Jesus.

During this Lenten season, you are invited to join a time of guided prayer relating to our scripture passages for the season. Christine will lead this time over Zoom, starting on **Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30-7:00 (ish), and continuing through Wednesday, April 6.**

•**BAGS OF LOVE DECORATION:** We again invite the children and youth to decorate the "Bags of Love" during the worship service. Following the service, we will fill the bags with the requested supplies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited! Open Arms Hispanic Ministries is hosting TACO TUESDAY, a fundraising banquet on **March 15th**, at the Kidron Park Community Center. The meal will begin at 6 PM and will feature a catered taco bar including desserts and drinks along with a program of Open Arms information and highlights to follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by March 11th, to kelsey@openarmshispanicministries.org to reserve your place for TACO TUESDAY! If you have questions please email kelsey@openarmshispanicministries.org or call/text **330.466.7845**.

BACM is again collecting "Bags of Love" the month of February. The bags will be filled with cleaning supplies and personal items that are not available in the regular food pantry. As soon as possible or no later than February 26 we will be accepting donations to purchase the items

requested. Donations can be sent to Lee, designated for "Bags of Love." It costs around \$25 to fill a bag. Another option is to purchase the items and bring them to the church in a paper grocery bag. Here is the list of what is requested:

- Package of 4 Rolls of Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent, around 64 oz.
- Deodorant
- Hand Soap
- Bar Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- All Purpose Cleaner