

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

One: Listen:

All: *Creation is singing!*

One: Listen carefully:

All: *Creation is singing a song of joy and peace.*

One: We are created beings, all of us, born of a Creator who inspires us to work together

All: *Listen:*

One: Creation is singing a song of joy and peace, healing and transformation, that we can embrace as our calling.

All: *Together, let us celebrate the eternal promise of an eternal God—the promise of shalom.*

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* **VT 828**

Story Circle

Coin Offering *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* **VT 182**

Offertory Prayer*

Confession and Assurance

One: God of transformation, we still wait for your healing.

All: *We confess that we do not always live as salt of the earth or shine with your light. Sometimes*

we forget your hopes and dreams for us and for the earth.

One: But hear the good news! God is already at work, restoring soil and soul!

All: *We turn to God, and we are embraced with loving-kindness and compassion. Let us join in creation's song!*

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading Yesaya/Isaiah 55:12-13

Scripture Response *All Things Bright and Beautiful* **VT 177**

Sermon *Rejoicing with Creation*

Hymn of Response *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* **VT 550**

Congregational Prayer

Communion Service

Invitation

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements (Bread, Cup, and Grapes)

Prayer **VT 942**

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *You Shall Go Out with Joy* **VT 847**

Benediction

Postlude

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Christian Education for all ages.*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Alleluia R
Accompanist:	Erika B
Territorial Acknowledgement	Leonora P
Song Leader:	Karin B
Story Circle:	Alleluia R
Scripture Readers:	John N (Kinyarwanda) Casey M (English)
Sermon:	Amanda Hildebrand
Congregational Prayer:	Chip B
Sound:	Eric W
Tech Host:	Geoff V
Ushers:	Bruce F and Judy D
Greeters:	Wendy M Terry J

* Offering may be placed in the 'church' box in the foyer behind the sanctuary or by other means as listed in the bulletin.