

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, October 11, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Listen:

All: Let all who are thirsty, come.

One: We are thirsty, *all* of us—

All: the young, the old, the trees, the soil, the creatures that fly, crawl, and swim,

One: All of us share a common home and seek abundant life.

All: Together, let us seek and find ourselves in God's story of shalom.

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Sing to the God of Harvest* **VT 122**

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* **VT 120**

Story Circle

Children's Music *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Offertory Prayer*

Confession and Assurance

One: Source of nourishment and life: We come to you in a spirit of humility, aware of the many ways in which we have failed to act wisely or do good.

All: We have bought into a myth of scarcity and taken more than our fair share. We know in our

hearts that this is not your way, yet we struggle to find a better path.

One: God of abundance, your love is limitless. Your mercy reaches out to the universe, your faithfulness to the skies. Yet, in your greatness, you still care for 'the least of these' and you provide enough for all of us to flourish.

All: We cannot manufacture this kind of love. We cannot buy this kind of satisfaction. Let us invest in your dream for the earth.

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading Isaiah/Yesaya 55:1-2

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

Sermon *Priceless Water*

Hymn of Response *Crashing Waters at Creation* **VT 441**

Commissioning Litany for Fidèle Ruramira's Internship

All: Empowering God, with your people throughout the ages, we call members of the church to develop gifts and skills for your service.

Thank you for raising up Fidèle

Fill him with the love of Christ and the church

Empower him with your Holy Spirit

Bless him with joy in the work of ministry.

Fidèle: I pray for wisdom, patience, and hope in this calling. May I use the authority entrusted to me with confidence and humility.

May I grow into the mind and spirit of Christ through my service.

All: For the gifts that the Spirit nurtures within us and the ministries to which we are each called, Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* **VT 838**

Benediction

Postlude

Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Wendy J
Accompanist:	Therese S
Song Leader:	Marg H
Children's Music:	SS Children led by Rae R
Story Circle:	Wendy J
Scripture Readers:	Foster B (English) Shammah N (Kinyarwanda)
Sermon:	Chip B
Congregational Prayer:	Fidèle R
Sound:	John B
Tech Host:	Joe W
Ushers:	John & Rosemary S
Greeters:	Fred L & Renee S Jim & Sue H