**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**
**Sunday, November 22, 2026**
*Eternity Sunday*

**Prelude**

**Congregational Forum**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to Eternity Sunday—a day for people who know that time moves too fast, that love leaves a mark, and that life rarely goes according to plan.

**People: We come just as we are: tired, hopeful, grieving, and grateful.**

Leader: We are not here to pretend everything happens for a reason, or to tie our sorrow up in a pretty bow. We are here because we belong to a God of love who meets us right in the middle of our messy, unfinished stories.

**People: We come as we are. We are not alone.**

Leader: God holds our tears, our memories, and the names we whisper in the quiet. Today we remember the loved ones who have gone ahead of us. We also remember other painful losses we are grieving. Perhaps the loss of home, loss of a job, loss of a relationship, or the loss of hope.

**People: We come as we are with grief in one hand and joy in the other. Let us worship the God of love. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gathering Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* **VT 667**

**Story Circle**

**Coin Offering** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **VT 682**

**Offertory Prayer***

**Grebel Ensemble** *God Shall Wipe Away All Tears*
*(*Excerpt from *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins*)*

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Reading** Abaroma/Romans 8:38-39

**Sung Scripture Response** *God, Be with Us* **VT 613**

**Homily** *Ever Present God*

**Hymn** *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* **VT 653**

**Memorial Candle Lighting**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Hymn of Sending** *Soon and Very Soon* **VT 669**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall*

PARTICIPANTS

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| Worship Leader: | Nina B. |
| Accompanist: | Joanne B. |
| Cello: | Miriam Stewart-Kroeker |
| Drums: | Tom B. |
| Grebel Ensemble: | Yi Y. and friends |
| Song Leader: | Karin B. |
| Story Circle: | Mona B. |
| Scripture Readers: | John M. (Kinyarwanda) |
| | Richard K. (English) |
| Homily: | Wendy Janzen |
| Congregational Prayer: | Chip Bender |
| Sound: | Jason S. |
| Tech Host: | Geoff V. |
| Ushers: | Robert & Nancy M. |
| Greeters: | Allan, Tabitha, and Amos R. |
| | Franz P. |