

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

Order of Worship

Sunday August 27, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: enter our silences,

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: into the depths of our longing,

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter into our lives with acceptance and grace.

Meet us here as we are.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: embrace us and free us.

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Morning Has Broken* **VT 495**

Story Circle (if children are present)

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* **VT 564**

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings: John 8:31-36
Romans 8:28, 38-39

Interview with Joanne Bender

Questions and Brief Discussion

Hymn of Response *Spirit of God! Descend* **VT 557**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *My Life Flows On* **VT 605**

Benediction

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Accompanist: Leah Reesor-Keller

Story Circle: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Scripture Reader: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Speaker: Joanne Bender

Congregational Prayer: Leah Reesor-Keller

Sound: Andrew Scheifele

Tech Host: Eric Wildfong

Ushers: Tim Kennel and Bruce Fretz

Morning Has Broken

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Music: Scottish Gaelic traditional, *Songs and Hymns of the Gael*, 1888; harm. Martin Shaw (England), 1931, alt., © Oxford University Press, London

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Spirit of God! Descend

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