

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**World Communion Sunday**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

Thom Shuman

One: Welcome to this place:

**Left: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,**

**Right: where heaven and earth embrace in peace,**

**All: where God has been, is, and always will be.**

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**Left: where we find God's love,**

**Right: where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,**

**All: where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**Left: where we bring our hunger, and find food;**

**Right: where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;**

**All: where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gathering Hymn** *What Is This Place*

**VT 22**

**Story Circle** *A Table, Not a Wall*

**Children's Coin Offering**

**Hymn** *God Welcomes All*

**VT 32**

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Readings** *Ephesians 1:3-4, 8b-10, 20-23; 3:8-10*

**Scripture Response** *Sing with Joy to the Author*

**VT 430**

*Stanza A*

**Sermon** *Micro and Macro*

**Hymn of Response** *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* **VT 427**

**Offertory**

**Communion Service**

**Words of Invitation**

**Congregational Communion Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Sharing in the Bread and Cup**

**Announcements**

**Hymn of Sending** *Go, My Children*

**VT 830**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall*

**PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader:

Ardith Frey

Accompanist:

Therese Schattman

Song Leader:

Elaine Ranney

Story Circle:

Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Scripture Reader:

Ardith Frey

Sermon:

Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Communion Servers:

Ardith Frey, Krista Steinmann,  
Henry Paetkau, Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Congregational Prayer:

Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Sound:

Andrew Scheifele

Tech Host:

Eric Wildfong

Ushers:

Dale Good, Tim Kennel

Greeters:

Alden & Heather Drost, Marion Good