

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, October 15, 2023
Covenant of Loving Relationships

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God is Love...

All: ...and the love of God has called us together.

One: From the beginning, God imagined the world with us in it...

All: ...and so God spoke us into being, in God's image.

One: God's child Jesus has come to us in our likeness...

All: ...and as the Word made flesh, and as Love incarnate.

One: Jesus has called to us by name...

All: ...beloved children of God.

One: And Love has called us into relationship...

All: ...with God, and with one another.

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* **VT 1**

Story Circle Code of Conduct

Children's Coin Offering

Hymn *Heart with Loving Heart United* **VT 813**

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings Matthew 13:31-32, 34-35,
Luke 13:6-9

Scripture Response *Sing with Joy to the Author* **VT 430**
Stanza B

Sermon Tending, Taming, and Rewilding

Hymn of Response *Seeds* **VT 777**

Ritual of Commitment to our Covenant

Hymn *Seed, Scattered and Sown* (chorus & v. 2) **VT 477**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *God, Be with Us* **VT 613**

Benediction

Postlude

Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Karl Kessler
Accompanist:	Kayla Wallace Groh
Song Leader:	Marg Hull
Story Circle:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Scripture Reader:	Hamish Blair
Sermon:	Leah Reesor-Keller
Congregational Prayer:	Karl Kessler
Sound:	Joe Wildfong
Tech Host:	Akio Saito
Ushers:	Krista Steinmann & Lena Santomero
Greeters:	Dale & Doreen Good, Terry Jutzi