

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving & Baptism

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: So great is God's love, that it stretches from the smallest quark to the furthest galaxy.

Leader: Our earth is a blessed planet and once again, in autumn, it has yielded its increase.

People: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of life, and for bountiful food and drink.

Leader: God, you have made known to us the path of abundant life.

People: You invite us to follow the redemptive way of Jesus.

Leader: Happy are those who choose your path and join in communion with God's people.

Opening Prayer

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

Story Circle Baptism

Children's Coin Offering *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* **VT 752**

Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* **VT 124**

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19

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

Sermon God's Extravagant Love

Hymn of Response *God, Whose Giving* **VT 745**

Baptism Service

Testimony Maia Hadden

Words from Mentor Elaine Ranney

Hymn *When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On* **VT 612**

Baptism with Water

Congregational Commitment and Blessing **VT 932**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *Now Thank We All Our God* **VT 114**

Benediction

Postlude

Greeting Maia at the front of the sanctuary

Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Accompanist: Joanne Bender

Song Leader: Leah Reesor-Keller

Story Circle: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Scripture Reader: Franz Peters

Sermon: Renee Sauder

Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Sound: Geoff Vanderkooy

Tech Host: Eric Wildfong

Ushers: Bruce Fretz, Judy Dyck

Greeters: Bruce & Jean Fretz, Marg Hull