

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

March 3, 2024

Lent III

Prelude

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 19)

All: *May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.*

Leader: We speak because you spoke first,
bringing voice to the brightness of the sun
and singing the airy darkness of the sky.
You spoke this earth from end to end,
and speaking must have given you pleasure,
for you said, "It was good."

People: **May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.**

Leader: Year after year you have poured forth speech:
passing stories and statutes down through hands
and lips. From you we learned to speak, and
speaking, we spoke to you—singing songs of
consolation that would become your psalms to
us; writing poems our children's children would
hear as the voice of God.

People: **May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts**

be pleasing to you, O God.

Leader: Your law, O Lord, is perfect.
Your Word is the one that endures.
We seek the grammar of your justice
in the words that you spoke before.
Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: *And may the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.*

Ritual of Diminishing Light

Opening Prayer of Confession

Gathering Hymn *O Praise the Gracious Power* **VT 87**

Story Circle

Offertory Prayer *

Children's Coin Offering *Guide My Feet* **VT 816**
Chosen by Malcolm Reddick, grandson of Tim & Jeanette Kennel

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading John 2:13-22

Sung Scripture Response *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* **VT 306**
(Verse 2)

Sermon Unsettling Normal

Silence (2 minutes)

Hymn of Response *Draw the Circle* **VT 802**

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Sending *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* **VT 805**

Benediction

Postlude

* Offering may be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary
or by other means as listed in the bulletin.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Tom Bileski
Accompanist:	Therese Schattman
Song Leader:	Joanne Bender
Story Circle:	Marianne Erb
Scripture Reader:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Sermon:	Leah Reesor-Keller
Congregational Prayer:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Sound:	Eric Wildfong
Tech Host:	Geoff Vanderkooy
Ushers:	John & Rosemary Shantz
Greeters:	Allan Sauder & Donna Snyder Akio Saito