

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**

*March 17, 2024*

*Lent V*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship** *(based on Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33)*

Leader: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

**People: This new covenant is being offered to us.**

Leader: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

**People: Death must come before resurrection.  
A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.**

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us:  
to lay down our life and follow.**

**Ritual of Diminishing Light**

**Opening Prayer of Confession**

**Gathering Hymn** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* **VT 428**

**Story Circle**

**Offertory Prayer\***

**Children's Coin Offering** *Bwana awabariki* **VT 845**

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Readings** Jeremiah 31:31-33; John 20:20-26

**Sung Scripture Response** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* **VT 306**  
*(Verse 3)*

**Sermon** *Dying to the Smaller Self*

**Silence** (2 minutes)

**Hymn of Response** *Joys Are Flowing like a River* **VT 375**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Hymn of Sending** *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* **VT 849**

**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:	Sandra Schiedel
Accompanist:	Therese Schattman
Song Leader:	Leah Reesor-Keller
Story Circle:	Beth Gilbert
Scripture Reader:	John Schiedel
Sermon:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Congregational Prayer:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Sound:	Andrew Scheifele
Tech Host:	Akio Saito
Ushers:	Tim Kennel and Judy Dyck
Greeters:	John & Rosemary Shantz