

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

Volume 73 No. 23

Focus on the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

People: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

Leader: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

People: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

Leader: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war...

People: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

Leader: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness

People: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Leader: In the midst of a world of hostility and hate.

People: Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Hamba nathi (Come, Walk With Us)* **VT 23**

Story Circle

Children's Coin Offering *Guide My Feet* **VT 816**

Offertory Prayer*

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 15:15-16; Hebrews 13:2

Sung Scripture Response *Santo (Holy)* **VT 136**

Sermon *Hope and Hospitality*

Hymn of Response *Help Us to Help Each Other*

VT 628

Sharing the Banyamulenge Experience

Special Music

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *Kwake Yesu nasimama*

VT 159

(Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand)

Benediction

Postlude

Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall

followed by Christian Education for all ages.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Wendy Martin

Accompanist: Joanne Bender

Song Leader: Marg Hull

Story Circle: Agape & Uwera Bienvenu

Scripture Reader: Tito Gatako

Sermon: Jacob Yoder

Sharing the Banyamulenge Experience: Sibob Bujambi

Perusi Nyagazura

Innocent Ruhumuriza

Congregational Prayer: Tito Gatako, Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Sound: Andrew Scheifele

Tech Host: Eric Wildfong

Ushers: Tim Kennel and Dale Good

Greeters: Vic & Sharalynn Krahn, Marg Hull

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

Prayer for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dear God. We ask for your mercy on all your people in the Democratic Republic of Congo and those from DRC living in many countries around the world.

- We pray for those who have fled their homes. We pray that they would experience safety and comfort.
- For those who have experienced trauma and violence, we pray that there would be healing and comfort.
- For those who have been separated from loved ones, we pray that they may be reunited.
- For those who are offering shelter to those displaced may they experience the gift of offered hospitality. May there be enough to share so that resentment against newcomers does not build up.
- We pray for churches and communities who are ministering to the displaced —grant them strength, courage, and love.
- We pray for people whose actions or inactions cause people to become refugees. We ask that they stop the violence and adopt policies of justice and peace for those they govern.

Amen

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Guide My Feet

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Music: African American Spiritual; harm. Wendell Whalum (USA), ca. 1984, © Estate of Wendell Whalum

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Santo (Holy)

Text: Spanish; variation on traditional liturgical text (Argentina)

Music: Argentine traditional; arr. Iona Community (Scotland), based on two-part version as taught by Pablo Sosa (Argentine), © 1990 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Text: Joseph M. Scriven (Canada), 1855, Spirit Minstrel: A Collection of Hymns and Music, 1857, alt; Lao trans. anon; Hmong trans. anon.

Music: Charles C. Converse (USA), 1868, Silver Wings, 1870. Public Domain.

Kwake Yesu nasimama (Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand)

Text: Swahili; anon. (Kenya), 20th c., adapt. From Edward Mote (England), "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," 1834; English adapt. from Swahili by Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, 2019

Music: Kenyan traditional

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Erb Street Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 26, 2024



Transformational Pastor: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Elders: Richard Kennel, Krista Steinmann, Ardith Frey,
Leah Reesor-Keller and Henry Paetkau