

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Outdoor Service at the home of John & Joanne Bender
Sunday, June 2, 2024
Volume 73 No. 24

Prelude *Congregational Singing*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* **VT 7**

1. Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love. Let ev'ry soul from sin awake, let ev'ry heart sweet music make, and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.
2. O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love. In Christ we have redemption found, God is love. His blood has washed our sins away, his Spirit turned our night to day, and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.
3. What though our mortal flesh shall fail, God is love! Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail, God is love! While endless ages roll along, we'll triumph with the heav'nly throng, and this shall be our sweetest song, that God is love!
4. How happy is our portion here, God is love. These promises our spirits cheer, God is love. God is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; and will be with us all the way: our God is love.

Story Circle *Coin offering celebration*

Recognition of Graduates

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings John 3:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sung Scripture Response *Holy* **VT 136**

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

Meditation *A Community, Renewed*

Hymn of Response *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* **VT 453**

1. Oh, sisters,...
2. Oh, brothers,...
3. Oh, children,...
4. Oh, sinners,...

Baptism Service

Testimony Mark Stafford

Words from Mentor Franz Peters

Litany (see insert)

Baptism with Water

Congregational Commitment and Blessing (see insert)

Hymn *Wade in the Water* **HWB 446**

1. See those people dressed in white, ...
They must be the children of the Israelites.
2. See those people dressed in black, ...
They come a long way and they ain't turning back.
3. See those people dressed in blue, ...
They look like my people coming through.
4. See those people dressed in red, ...
They must be the children that Moses led.
5. Some say Peter, some say Paul, ...
There ain't but one God made them all.

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *Bwana awabariki* **VT 845**
May God Grant You a Blessing

Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki milele.
May God grant you a blessing, may God grant you a blessing,
may God grand you a blessing evermore.

Benediction

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
 Accompanists: Joanne Bender
 Geoff Vanderkooy
 Song Leader: Marg Hull
 Story Circle: Ali Blair
 Recognition of Graduates: Ali Blair
 Scripture Readers: Scott & Mary Brubaker-Zehr
 Meditation: Franz Peters
 Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
 Sound: Eric Wildfong
 Ushers: Krista Steinmann & Lena Santomero

Grade 8 Graduates:

Uwera Bienvenu
 Indigo Charles Attending St. David's Catholic Secondary School
 Lena Santomero Attending Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

Grade 12 Graduates:

Kalena Scheifele Attending McMaster University for Engineering

Plans for September 2024:



Erb Street Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 2, 2024

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 9	9:45am	Tamara Shantz	"Beyond Inclusion"
June 16	9:45am	Dave Rogalsky	
June 23	9:45am	Scott Brubaker-Zehr	

THIS WEEK

Sun. June 2	Outdoor Worship Service, 10am
	Potluck picnic
Tues. June 4	Contemplative Prayer Time, 9am, on Zoom. All are welcome.
	Sewing Circle 9am-3pm. Bring a lunch if staying for lunch. Next meeting will be Sept. 10, 2024.
Sun. June 9	Congregational Forum, 11:15am
	ESMC Youth, Families and Hosts potluck, campfire, and swimming, 3:30-7:30pm, Blair's house. In case of rain, meet at the church.



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

Baptismal Litany

Leader: Through baptism, we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.
Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God.
Baptism shows the death of the old self and the rising to life of a new self.
It also shows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen.
Baptism declares God's forgiveness;
It seals the gift of the Spirit and joins the believer to the body of Christ.

**People: This is the water of baptism.
Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin, and one in Christ,
members of Christ's body.**

Congregational Commitment and Blessing

VT 932

*As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church, we
make this covenant with you,
and we renew our own covenant with God.
We pledge to bear each other's burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven,
to support each other in times of joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus proclaiming the presence of Christ among us
so that our lives may glorify God.
Holy Spirit, make us one body,
part of the church worldwide,
united in its diversity,
now and in every age. Amen.*