

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, September 15, 2024

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

VT 864

Leader: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator,
recalling that Christ is the center of creation
and our lives as Christians.
As we face east, the direction of the rising sun,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world
and for new beginnings.

**People: Help us to be honest with you and others
and to be wise and just in our use of the
resources of the earth.
We give thanks to you, O God**

Leader: As we face south, where we receive warmth,
we offer thanks for all the gifts of the animal world
and for the call to be humble.

**People: Enable us to walk good paths,
to live as a family should,
and, with you, to renew the face of the earth.
We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face west, where we receive teachings of
faith, we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock
world and the purifying and fruitful waters.

**People: Sustain us and the earth through your Holy
Spirit, and give us faith as strong as the rock.
We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow,
we offer thanks for the plant world,
and for kindness and wisdom.

**People: Breathe your strength and endurance into us,
and give us wisdom to treat each other with
kindness. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Leader: As we face center:
From above comes the unconditional love of God.
From the earth comes the gift of life.

**All: We give thanks for love like the wings of an
eagle. We dedicate our lives to you, our
Creator and Savior.
As we walk on this earth, may we learn
together and celebrate the way of peace,
harmony, and tranquility.
We give thanks to you, O God.**

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* **VT 1**

Story Circle Intro to Coin Offering for Crow Shield Lodge

Children's Coin Offering *Seeds* **VT 777**

Offertory Prayer*

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Readings Psalm 104:10-30; Romans 16:1-16

Sung Scripture Response *Kyrie eleison* **VT 147**

Sermon Tending Tomorrow: Learning Leadership from the
Forest

Hymn of Response *God of the Bible* **VT 420**

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* **VT 828**

Benediction

Postlude

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Christian Education for all ages.*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Tom Bileski
Accompanist:	Joanne Bender
Song Leader:	Karin Bileski
Story Circle:	Ali Blair
Sermon:	Leah Reesor-Keller
Congregational Prayer:	Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Sound:	Joe Wildfong
Tech Host:	Geoff Vanderkooy
Ushers:	Nancy & Robb Mann
Greeters:	Marg Martin and Elaine Ranney

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