ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH Sunday, December 22, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship with Candle Lighting

Leader: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

And our spirits rejoice in you

People: We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives

long.

Leader: We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you – the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who gives food to the hungry, the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

All: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, peace, joy,

and love.

[Light candles]

Leader: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **VT 218**

Story Circle

Coin Offering Now the Heavens Start to Whisper **VT 237**

Offertory Prayer*

Worship Music *Domine Deus* from *Gloria* by A. Vivaldi

Children's Christmas Program

Homily Great Expectations

Worship Music Rejoice Greatly from Messiah by G.F. Handel

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Sending My Soul Proclaims with Wonder **VT 222**

Benediction

Postlude

Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall followed by Intergenerational Activities.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Tom Bileski Accompanist: Joanne Bender Song Leader: Karin Bileski Worship Music: Elizabeth Lepock Story Circle: Beth Gilbert Children's Program: Sunday School Children Children's Program Coordinators: Mona Bailey and Ali Blair Children's Program Narrator: Tabitha Rogalsky Homily: Scott Brubaker-Zehr Congregational Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr

Candle Lighters: Innocent, Glori, Arnold, Ornella,
Norah and Dora Ruhumuriza

Sound: Eric Wildfong

Tech Host: Geoff Vanderkooy Ushers: Robert & Nancy Mann

Greeters: Henry & Leonora Paetkau

Alden & Heather Drost

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