

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

Lenten Order of Worship

Lent I

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

VT 873

Leader: Come, let us worship with the dust that shapes the journey,

Piano: the cross that guides it,

Organ: the colour that surrounds it,

Leader: the light that fades through it,

Piano: the Word that foretells it,

Organ: the wilderness that invites it—

**All: *this is Lent, and into its wilderness
God calls us.***

Leader: Come, friends, Christ is heading for Jerusalem.

Ritual of Diminishing Light

Opening Prayer of Confession

All: *Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned with our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect. We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us to share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.*

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Calls Us*

VT 30

Story Circle *Our Name*

Offertory Prayer*

Children's Coin Offering *Je louerai l'Eternal*

VT 131

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading John 15:1-11

Sung Scripture Response *O Lamb of God*

VT 321

Sermon *Anabaptist Vision: Spirituality*

Silence (2 minutes)

Hymn of Response *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

VT 56

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Sending *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

VT 581

Benediction

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:

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Accompanist:

Kayla Wallace Groh

Song Leader:

Karin Bileski and Michael Wu

Story Circle:

Scott & Mary Brubaker-Zehr

Scripture Readers:

Joanne Bender and Glory Kigana

Sermon:

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Congregational Prayer:

Scott Brubaker-Zehr

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