

ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, March 30, 2025

Lent IV

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

VT 873

Leader: Come, let us worship with the dust that shapes the journey,
the cross that guides it,
the color that surrounds it,
the light that fades through it,
the Word that foretells it
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 against you.*

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Many: *We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.*

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: *We cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.*

All: *We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what*

we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better 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 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* VT 56

Story Circle *Anabaptism: Another Symbol*

Offertory Prayer*

Children's Coin Offering *Come and See* VT 282

Silent Prayer of Attention

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:21-23; James 2:14-19

Sung Scripture Response *O Lamb of God* VT 321

Sermon *Anabaptism: Outward Action*

Silence (2 minutes)

Hymn of Response *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT 540

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Sending *God, Be with Us* VT 613

Benediction

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Ardith Frey
Accompanist: Kayla Wallace Groh
Song Leaders: Marg Hull and Michael Wu
Story Circle: Mary & Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Scripture Readers: Shammah Ndizeye (Swahili)
Tabitha Rogalsky (English)
Sermon: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Congregational Prayer: Ardith Frey
Sound: Geoff Vanderkooy
Tech Host: Eric Wildfong
Ushers: Robert Mann and Judy Dyck
Greeters: John & Rosemary Shantz
Elaine Ranney