

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**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.

**All: 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.

**All: Enable us to walk good paths,  
to live as 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.

**All: 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.

**All: 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** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* **VT 759**

**Story Circle**

**Hymn** *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* **VT 518**

**Scripture Readings** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**Sermon** *Seven Anabaptist Principles*

**Hymn of Response** *Jesus Took a Towel* **VT 490**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Hymn of Sending** *Sword into a Plowshare* **VT 798**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall.*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader:	Allan Rogalsky
Accompanist:	Yi Ye
Song Leader:	Michael Wu
Story Circle:	Allan Rogalsky
Scripture Readers:	Tabitha & Amos Rogalsky (English) Pastor Fidèle (Kinyarwanda)
Sermon:	Allan Rogalsky
Congregational Prayer:	Allan Rogalsky
Sound:	Geoff Vanderkooy
Tech Host:	Joe Wildfong