## **ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH** Sunday, September 14, 2025

**Sanctuary Dedication** 

**Brief History of the Church Building** 

(Insert) Litany

Ardith Frey

**Congregational Prayer** 

**VT 866** Call to Worship **Announcements** 

Leader: Gracious God, as we gather to worship, **Hymn of Sending** *Praise God (Dedication Anthem)* **VT 70** 

open our ears **Benediction** People: to hear your word.

**Postlude** Bless This House May Brahe Leader: Open our eyes

Leader: Open our arms Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall People: to the embrace of community. followed by Christian Education for all ages.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to see your presence.

**Prelude** 

Welcome

People: to the beauty of truth.

**Sermon** Three Word Sermon

**PARTICIPANTS** Leader: Open our hearts Worship Leader:

People: to the joy of new life. Accompanist: Joanne Bender

**Opening Prayer** Song Leader: Karin Bileski

Story Circle: Ardith Frey **Gathering Hymn** What Is This Place **VT 22** Scripture Readers: Dorcas Natimiriza (Kinyarwanda)

**Story Circle** Ardith Frey (English)

Sermon: Wendy Janzen **Children's Coin Offering** Seek Ye First **VT 417** 

Sanctuary Dedication: Joanne Bender, Jim Erb **Offertory Prayer\*** Congregational Prayer: Wendy Janzen

Sound: Jason Schattman **Silent Prayer of Attention** 

Tech Host: Joe Wildfona Bruce Fretz & Judy Dyck Ushers: **Scripture Readings** Psalm 84:1-4 and Ephesians 2:19-22

Fred Loganbill and Terry Jutzi Greeters:

Scripture Response In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful VT 118

Hymn of Response Life-Giver, Maker, God of All **VT 38** 

## **Litany for Sanctuary Dedication**

Leader: God, we are grateful for our place of worship which is not only a building but also a sacred space.

Congregation: We give thanks for our refreshed sanctuary and for your presence with us as we worship here.

Leader: Bless those who had the vision.

Congregation: Bless those who did the planning.

Leader: Bless the workers who made it happen.

Congregation: Bless our congregation for their patience and support.

Leader: God, we dedicate this newly renovated sanctuary to your glory. May it be a blessing to many.

Congregation: May we be inspired here to join together as one family, to praise you, and to spread your love in our neighbourhood and the world.

All: Amen.