

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

***Eternity Sunday***

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed are we who have realized that life is hard.  
And it's hard for everyone.

**People: We come to rest.**

Leader: Many of us have given up the myth that the good  
life is one of happiness, success, perfection.

**People: We come to be honest.**

Leader: We gather today knowing it is okay to not be  
okay. It is okay to not have a shiny life—because  
no one does. It is okay to grow old. It is okay to  
die.

**People: We come to grieve. We come to accept.**

Leader: We come to share our sorrows. We come to  
savour this precious morning that will never come  
again. We come to walk each other home.

**People: We come for connection.**

Leader: We gather today as broken and beautiful people,  
for we are in good company, and we'll never walk  
alone.

**Opening Prayer**

**Gathering Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* **VT 667**

**Story Circle**

**Children's Coin Offering** *Soon and Very Soon* **VT 669**

**Offertory Prayer\***

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 11:32-35

**Sung Scripture Response** *Spirit of Life* **VT 368**

**Sermon** *Remembering*

**Hymn of Response** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **VT 610**

**Memorial Candle Lighting**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Hymn of Sending** *I'll Fly Away* **On Screen**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Coffee and visiting in the Fellowship Hall  
followed by Christian Education for all ages.*

**PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader: Nina Bailey-Dick

Accompanists: Joanne Bender and Barbara Hankins

Song Leader: Marg Hull

Story Circle: Chip Bender

Scripture Readers: Glory Kigana (Kinyarwanda)

Agape Bienvenu (English)

Sermon: Chip Bender

Congregational Prayer: Chip Bender

Sound: Eric Wildfong

Tech Host: Akio Saito

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