

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
Lent III

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**All: We come to worship**

One: with expectations that may or may not be met;  
with questions that might be answered;  
and answers that might be questioned.

**All: We come seeking God.**

One: Seeking a taste of truth;  
seeking a glimpse of divine presence;  
seeking to make sense of the world.

**All: We come to journey with Jesus,**

One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,  
moved and confused  
by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**Ritual of Rending**

**Confession**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gathering Hymn** *Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song* **VT 581**

**Story Circle**

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

**Offertory Prayer\***

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Reading** John/Yohana 18:12-27

**Scripture Response** *Christ We Do All Adore Thee* **VT 138**

**Sermon** *Love is Stronger Than Fear*

**Hymn of Response** *Don't Be Afraid* **VT 596**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Hymn of Sending** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* **VT 283**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

**PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader:

Joanne Bender

Accompanist:

Kayla Wallace Groh

Song Leader:

Marg Hull

Story Circle:

Rae Reid

Scripture Readers:

Marg Hull (English)

Innocent Ruhumuriza (Kiswahili)

Sermon:

Chip Bender

Congregational Prayer:

Wendy Janzen

Sound:

John Bender

Tech Host:

Akio Saito

Translator:

Freddy Dukundamata

Ushers:

Bruce & Jean Fretz

Greeters:

Robert & Nancy Mann

Marg Martin