

**ERB STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to this place

**All: a place where all are welcome.**

One: Welcome to this sacred place, the walls that invite in,  
the table of hospitality, the house where we all  
belong;

**All: a house made ever more holy by our persistent  
presence and longing for God.**

One: In this hour of worship, open our hearts to your  
presence, O God, in this particular place, on this day,  
among these people.

**All: We come to worship, to be formed and shaped  
and loved.**

One: Welcome home, to this place of belonging.  
Murakaza neza.

**All: Murakaza neza. Welcome all!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gathering Hymn** *Praise God* **VT 70**

**Story Circle**

**Children's Coin Offering** *Loving Spirit* **VT 697**

**Offertory Prayer\***

**Silent Prayer of Attention**

**Scripture Readings** 1 Abakorinto/Corinthians 12:4-6, 31;  
1 Abakorinto/Corinthians 13:1-3, 13;  
1 Yohana/John 3:11, 16-18

**Sung Scripture Response** *May You Be Rooted  
and Grounded (v. 2)* **VT 396**

**Sermon** *Commanding Love? Nurturing the Gift*

**Hymn of Response** *For the Beauty of the Earth* **VT 120**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Hymn of Sending** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* **VT 847**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

**PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader:	Nina Bailey-Dick
Accompanist:	Joanne Bender
Song Leader:	Karin Bileski
Story Circle:	Sarah Weber
Scripture Readers:	Sibomana Bujambi (Kinyarwanda) Ezra Bailey (English)
Sermon:	Isaiah Ritzmann
Congregational Prayer:	Ardith Frey
Sound:	Eric Wildfong
Tech Host:	Geoff Vanderkooy
Translator:	Justin Mucuranyana
Ushers:	Robert & Nancy Mann
Greeters:	Sue Wahl & Bob Wildfong Marg & Norm Warren