

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH
60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 19, 2017



Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP....

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jeff Shelly, worship leader

*HYMN #86

Now thank we all our God

WE LISTEN AND LEARN...

CHILDREN'S TIME

Leah Schwarz

HYMN (see insert)

In the midst of new dimensions

PSALM 84**

SERMON

*How come all the good people aren't all Christian****

Frank Ward, author; Lonnie Buerge and Norma Moeller, readers

REFLECTION

Ruth Harder

PRAYER****

One: O God Eternal, whose Spirit has brought us to this day, we thank you for those who have given us this heritage, for the churches that have nourished us, for those who have stepped out in faith and have come to make their church home in a new congregation...not knowing what the future held...or where You would lead this church...not sure how great the task might be.

**Congregation: Show us the Resources we have in You
The Gates that are always open
Your Presence which is never separate from us,
that we may be filled with greater faith
and be encouraged with a new hope
and be sent forth with a strong love
for the building of your Kingdom first. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Shaw
Congregation please join as directed

WE RESPOND AND SHARE...

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Thanks to the Archive Committee for sharing these photos from our 60-year history!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement please write it down and give it to the worship leader or pastor prior to the worship service. The worship leader or pastor will share all of the announcements at once as opposed to passing the microphone. Note that children and youth are exempt from this request.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE...

*HYMN #90

For the fruit of all creation



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Pastor Ruth's office.

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER*****

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

** *The Saint Helena Psalter: A new version of the Psalms in Expansive Language*

*** Written and presented on June 1, 1980 by Frank Ward, former Rainbow pastor

**** A prayer recited by Kansas City Mennonite Church during the morning service on November 24, 1957

***** A sending forth prayer written by Frank Ward on the occasion of our 2015 pulpit dedication

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