

# September 5, 2021

**Worship 10:00am**

**Bee Trail and Picnic 10:30am**

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GATHERING MUSIC

Rainbow Strings

WELCOME

David Stewart

HYMN VT 120

*For the beauty of the earth*

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING

Ruth Harder

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*VT 682 Lord, listen to your children praying*

SENDING TO THE BEE TRAIL

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## Caring Notes

- Becky Bartel has been admitted to Overland Park Regional Hospital. She and her family appreciate our prayers and support as she undergoes tests and prepares for anticipated surgery.
- Please remember Jake Beachey and his family during this time of grief. His sister Ella Schrock, who just turned 89, passed away on Monday August 30 after being hospitalized in Sarasota, FL.
- Please remember Ed Neufeld and family as his brother-in-law passed away recently of COVID-19.
- Catherine Boyt's mother Fran Benson died on August 21, after having an extensive stroke the week before. Catherine, who recently moved to Canada, is grateful that she was able to spend time with her parents in Peterborough Ontario.
- We remember all the students and teachers returning to the classroom this month. We hope all can find joy in learning in spite of the particular challenges this year is bringing.
- Great News! Pat and John Bertsche are home from the nursing/rehab facility. Check out the meal train link for information on how to provide a dinner. <https://mealtrain.com/3088qw>
- I would like to thank the congregation for their cards and kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of my brother, Donald. – Brenda Tatro

## Upcoming Events

- September 6th, Church office closed for Labor Day holiday
- September 8th, Choir Rehearsal Kickoff 6:45 pm
- September 12th, Fall Kick-off, Sunday School for all ages begins and resume fellowship hour outdoors with doughnuts.
- September 14th, Young Adults - Relax and reconnect 5-7 pm on the patio at Mockingbird Lounge
- October 2nd, Intergenerational Bike/Walk on the Katy Trail
- October 31st, Intergenerational Graveyard Fun with Pastor Ruth

## Rainbow News

**A note from Church Council:** Thank you everyone who participated in the August 22 forum on the disbursement of the Early Street house sale funds. If you would like to review the recording of that discussion, please email the church office. Also, a reminder that all Council minutes can be found on the password protected page of our church website.

Church Council has approved the following new hires:

Custodian (10 hours a week): Elizabeth Cruz

Interim Maintenance Technician (20 hours a week): Euripides Solis-Ramos

Please note that we are still seeking to hire a permanent Maintenance Technician (20 hours a week) ASAP. Please help spread the word!

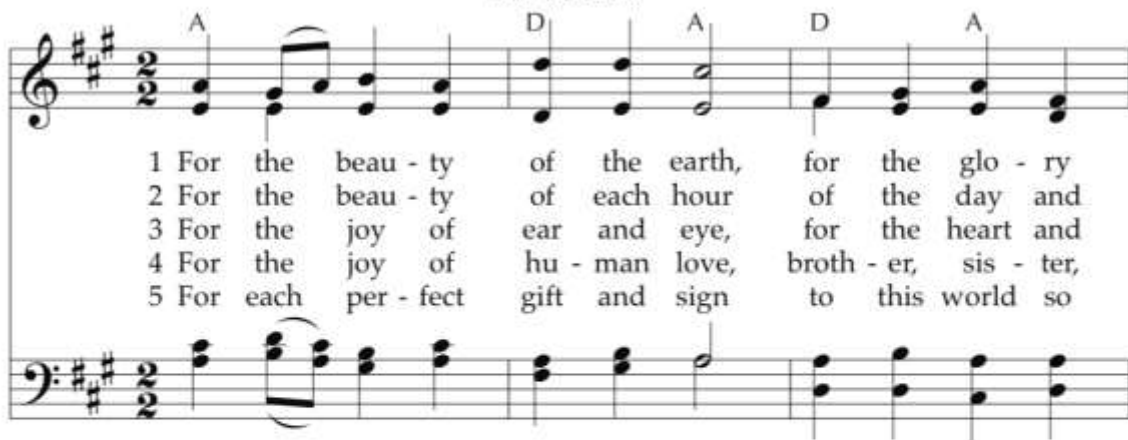
**A note from RMC Safe Sanctuary Committee** (Joshua Chittum, Rod Kliewer, Leah Schwarz, Peggy Coriell, Ruth Harder): We held our annual safe sanctuary training Sunday, August 29. Thank you to everyone who participated and signed the annual abuse prevention covenant. If you would like to view the recording of the training, please email the church office ([office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org)).

**Stewardship update:** July 2021 YTD contributions were behind budget by \$45K and behind where they were at this point last year by \$27.4K. Although expenses have also been under budget by \$19.3K, lower than usual weekly contributions so far in 2021 have resulted in a net loss of \$36.7K as of 7/31/21, not counting income from the PPP loan forgiveness. Please consider weekly contributions to help us keep pace with our budgeted expenses.

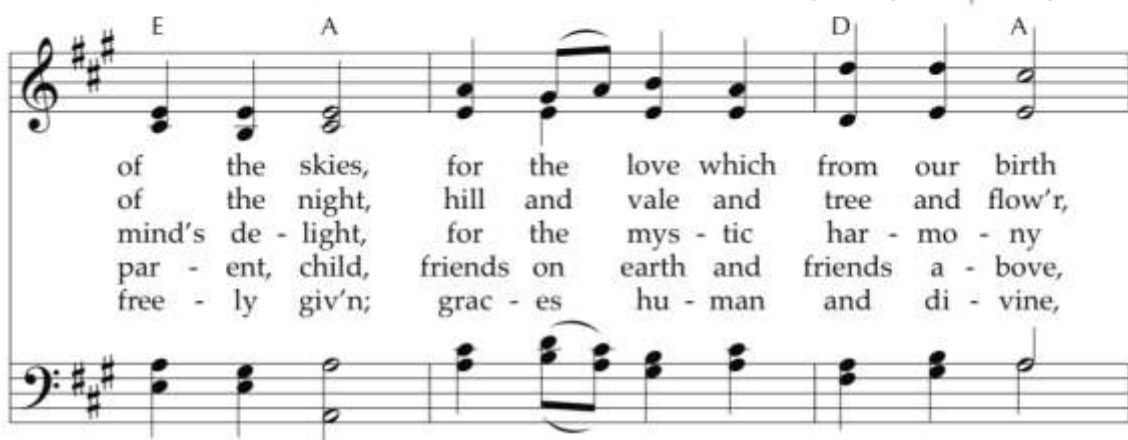
**Everence** will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

# 120 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry  
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,  
 5 For each per - fect gift and sign to this world so



of the skies, for the love which from our birth  
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny  
 par - ent, child, friends on earth and friends a - bove,  
 free - ly giv'n; grac - es hu - man and di - vine,



o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 sun and moon and stars of light:  
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to  
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 love u - nit - ing earth and heav'n:



thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

For a lower key, see "As with Gladness" (#277).

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint (England), *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher (Germany), *Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes*, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

# 682 Lord, Listen to Your Children

CHILDREN PRAYING 9.8.9.9

D D7 C/G G

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

E7 A7

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place.

D D7 C/G G G#dim7

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us

D/A A7 G7 D

love, send us pow'r, send us grace.