

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

Worship 9:30am

Congregational Meeting 10:30am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Fred Heeren, worship leader

*HYMN VT 22

What is this place

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER REFLECTION

Ruth Harder

AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Unruh: I grew up in a Mennonite community and was baptized in the Camp Mennoscah river by Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, KS at the age of 17. While in college I attended Manhattan Mennonite Church. They inspired my faith to develop further by offering a space to explore, collaborate, and share values. I found community again by joining Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Chicago. Transferring my membership to RMC continues my journey of wanting to be a witness of God's love.

Fred Heeren: I grew up going to Evangelical churches, and became involved in one here when I moved from Chicagoland to the Kansas City area. Over time, I found myself reexamining what Jesus taught, and I grew to appreciate the many Anabaptist positions that seem to come right from the heart of Jesus, regarding restorative justice, helping the poor, peacemaking and the commitment to non-violence. I'm excited about joining a group of people who are both progressive and committed to those traditions that are most Christlike.

Tina Histan: I started attending Rainbow 13(!) years ago when I moved to Kansas City and started MVS (Mennonite Voluntary Service). I felt at home with this church right away since I grew up in another Mennonite congregation in Goshen, IN. I'm finally getting around to officially becoming a member - I don't have a great reason for why it has taken me so long, but it feels meaningful now to recognize that Rainbow has been a constant in my life for the past 13 years and that I continue to value its influence on my life. I also now greatly value its influence on the life of my two young children. Participating in the Rainbow community has helped me feel rooted amid the haze of questions and wonderings about faith and what it means to identify as a Christian.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**All: We freely receive you, as Christ has received us.
We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, and service.
We joyfully accept you as a partner, both in the care of our spiritual
home at Rainbow, and in our mission to the world.**

Leader: May we commit ourselves anew to follow Jesus Christ,
through whom God has made friends with the world and in whose name we
share the work of reconciliation.

All: Amen.

WE ARE INVITED TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF BLESSING AND INVITATION

CHORAL CALL TO COMMUNION *Let Us Break Bread Together* Thomas

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during Communion

Passing the bread: VT 481 *In the Singing, in the Silence*

Passing the cup: VT 734 *For Those with Whom Our Lives are Bound*

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 pew racks 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

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 812

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* You are invited to stand

Anthem text:

Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the fishing sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

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