

September 25, 2022

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

*HYMN VT 57

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Ruth Harder and Sarah Neher

Baptism of Alex Jantzen

From Alex: “I chose baptism because I want to become closer with the Church and God. Camp Mennoscah has had a major impact on my decision to be baptized. I love camp, not just for seeing friends, but when you are in the moment—singing your heart out—it is the best feeling ever. I love campfire— it is one of the places I feel closest to God. I see God through music the most. I liked learning about the Church at baptism class, and I would like to get more involved. Rainbow Mennonite Church is a place where I feel safe, where I can be closer to God—a place special to me. I hope Rainbow continues to go on, even though there will be obstacles in the way, to persist, like God’s everlasting love. God loves you, no matter what.”

RESPONSE

Leader:

God of wanderers and seekers, we give thanks for Alex and his desire to explore faith and prepare for baptism. Be with him in his growing, his questioning, his doubting, and wondering. Be with him as he builds confidence and grows in desire and hope.

All:

Be with us in discerning our common life and guide our counsel. Open us to faith as it grows in ways both familiar and new so that we may journey together as your beloved children. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who prayed that we might be one by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN VT 763

Waterfall

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

Come Build Your Church

Medema

see text next page

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

Offertory: *Eternal Source of Light Divine* by G. F. Handel

Caitlin Linscheid, soprano, Aaron Linscheid, trumpet

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

***SENDING FORTH**

*HYMN VT 549

Be Thou My Vision

***POSTLUDE**

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text:

God of Creation, Maker of all things,
We gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you, come now among us;
Come and build your church today.

(Refrain)

Come build a church with soul and spirit,
Come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward;
No house of wood, or glass, or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty.
Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
It shall be built by the hand of God.

1. Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar.
Let us know the awe and wonder, that we've only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know this great awakening, for so long we've been asleep. (Refrain)

2. Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds.
Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down.
Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends.
Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. (Refrain)

3. Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind;
Peace with God and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind.
Surely joy will come and find us, like a breeze that cools the night;
Like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light. (Refrain)

Offertory text:

Eternal source of light divine, with double warmth thy beams display,
and with distinguished glory shine to add a lustre to this day.

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