

VT 291: *Loaves and Fishes*, Michelle G. Burkholder

**September 17, 2023**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**

**Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rosi Penner Kaufman

\*HYMN VT 1

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER

Linda Graham

SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-4

\*HYMN VT 757 sing 2x

*There's Enough for All*

SERMON

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

*All the Beauty of the Lord*

Walker

*For text, see VT 156*

## **WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Steve Friesen, Janice Friesen, Sarah Fleming, Syd Fleming, Dana Tolle,  
Jason Nagle, Sara Mwangura, Joseph Mwangura

Congregational response:

**We welcome you with joy as companions on the journey of faith.**

**We commit ourselves to fellowship and worship, service and witness,  
as partners in God's mission.**

**We receive you as Christ has received us.**

\*Congregational Covenant: VT 960

\*HYMN VT 6

*Let's Walk Together*

### 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.*

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

### 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 745

*God, Whose Giving*

\*SENDING FORTH

**O God, to those who have hunger,  
give bread,  
and to those who have bread,  
give hunger for justice. Amen.**

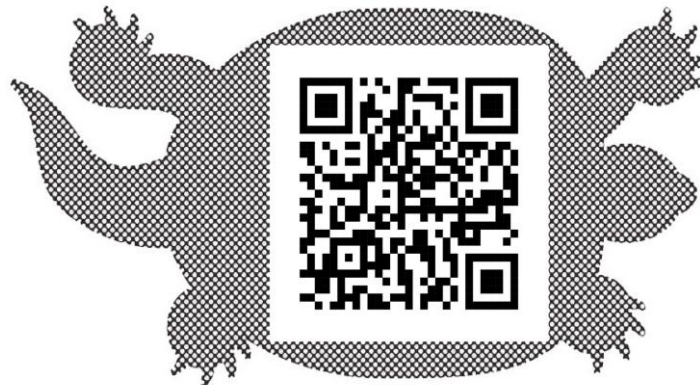
\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

## Land Acknowledgement Statement

- We at Rainbow Mennonite Church acknowledge the land we gather on is the ancestral and treaty homeland of the Kaw/Kansa and Osage Nations.
- We acknowledge the land was taken from these Peoples by force.
- We acknowledge as many as 30 Nations, including the Shawnee, Delaware, Cherokee, Iowa, Kickapoo, Lanape, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Sac & Fox, and Wyandot, were forcibly relocated to Kansas before the US government violated the treaties and violently compelled them to move further west.
- We acknowledge that the Christian church was, and is, complicit in justifying this theft and participated in the cultural genocide of these Nations.
- We acknowledge that these Peoples are still here and that recognizing their deep historic connection to the land is the first step towards building right relationships with them and working together to create a more just society.

Click the QR code below for more about our land acknowledgement statement, including artwork by Tokeya Waci U Richardson.



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