

Pentecost
May 19, 2024

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Learning Hour for all ages 10:50am



Spirit wind

Rainbow artists: Adeline, Jesse, Stone,
Evelyn, Cece, Liliana, Silas, Willa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Lonnie Buerge, worship leader

*HYMN VT 57

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sara Mwangura

Giving of Bibles to 3rd graders—Evelyn Allison, Autumn Stoltzfus, Aalon Zehner

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4

SERMON

Where the wind blows

Rosi Penner Kaufman

*HYMN VT 22

What is this Place

WE BAPTIZE AND SHARE AT THE TABLE

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Emmeline Walker, Dylan Waltner, Ella Wiebe (see next page)

*RESPONSE VT 933

*HYMN VT 377

New Earth, Heavens New

WORDS OF BLESSING, INVITATION AND SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during communion: VT 462 *We Place upon Your Table*

Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING RECOGNITIONS, JOYS AND THANK YOUS

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: *River* by Leon Bridges
Tim, Dylan and Stone Waltner

If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 830

Go, My Children

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

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Faith Statements

Dylan Waltner

For as long as I can remember I have been going to church with my parents, grandparents, and close friends, therefore I feel like I've known God for a long time. However, I feel that in this first year of high school, given the various trials and struggles, my relationship with God has gotten a lot stronger and therefore all the more important to me to pray before bedtime and mealtimes and to give thanks. Whenever I feel lost or am feeling uncertain I've gone to God and God has always answered. High school and life in general has had its ups and downs with losing friends, getting bad grades, and everyday struggles. But what I've discovered is that God is always there for me, which is why I feel like I am ready to take the next step in being baptized and giving my life to Jesus. I've always really liked Rainbow Mennonite Church because of its caring community. I've built great friendships in this church, and I appreciate very much how members of the Rainbow community have supported me; I want to be part of this community and contribute in any way I can. In this increasingly violent world, I feel that it is important to rely on my faith in God and to promote peace, love, and kindness as Jesus has taught us. I'd like to thank the members of Rainbow Mennonite Church, my parents, my grandparents (and my great-grandma!) for helping me along my journey of faith. This journey will continue even after my baptism and I pray that God will continue to guide and direct me on the path of righteousness.

Ella Wiebe

As I have been discovering my faith, I am so thankful that I have had so much support from my parents, my family, my mentor, and from Rainbow. Right now, I feel that my faith is strongest when I am making music, in nature, or at Camp Mennoscah, where I love singing around the campfire. Rainbow continues to encourage me to grow and challenge my faith. I am so proud to take this next step of baptism, and officially become a part of Rainbow, and to confirm my faith in God's love.

Emmeline Walker

Growing up in such an accepting environment has made me more accepting of others. Since I've grown up at Rainbow, I didn't realize how unique my experience was until I got older and interacted with more people from other faith communities. I think the youth program has been the biggest part of my faith journey. I look forward every Sunday to Sunday school and youth group activities throughout the week. After my baptism, I hope to be more involved with the youth program and create a fun and accepting environment for the upcoming youth.