

# EASTERTIDE

May 5, 2024

**Worship**  
**9:30-10 am**

**Fellowship Time: Wesley Room**  
**10:00-10:15 am**

**Listening Session**  
**10:15-11:45 am**

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.*

*Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.*

*We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming Word.*

-Voices Together Hymn 22

PRELUDE

Nancy Bosché, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ruth Harder

\*HYMN VT 1

*Summoned by the God who made us*

## WE LISTEN AND LEARN

DIALOGUE

Ruth Harder and Heidi Regier Kreider

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3; 5:11

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*Come Build a Church*  
Rainbow Ensemble

Medema

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.

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.

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.

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)

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)

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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*Today we will have a shortened community building time. Hopefully the listening session that follows (10:15-11:45 am) will allow for additional sharing and community strengthening.*

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## SHARING JOY, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

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

### PRAYER HYMN VT 734

*For Those with Whom Our Lives Are Bound*

## INVITATION TO THE LISTENING SESSION

\*You are invited to stand

## Seeking the Peace of the City

Listening Session today at 10:15 am

1. When have you felt most alive/vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of Rainbow?
2. What is foundational/reassuring about the Rainbow congregation that has helped in difficult times?
3. What activities or ministries are currently most important for Rainbow?
4. What do you hope for the future and how can the conference help?



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