

Gathering

VT 216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Call to Worship

Welcome, Birthday Recognition

VT 6 *Let's Walk Together*

Peace Lamp

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

Opening Ourselves

Covenanting: Emily and Maynard Miller, Naomi and Joel Kern

Offering - VT 802 *Draw the Circle*

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

Receive these offerings, given in hope, that they may be part of your life in this world. Amen.

Telling God's Story

Children's time - *Those 3 and under are dismissed for Little Children's time, after which child care is available.*

Scripture: Luke 2:21-38

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Sharing our Stories

VT 36 *Let Us Build a House* (v. 1, 4, 5)

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Sending

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements *If you have an announcement that pertains to the whole congregation, please get it in writing to the worship leader.*

Sunday school teachers are dismissed before the final hymn

VT 246 *Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song*

Benediction

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

Thanks to: *Worship Leader: Eric Yordy; Song Leader: Becky Snider; Peace Lamp: David Hooley; Scripture Reader: Judith Davis; Children's Time: Ruth Kauffmann; Sermon: Kimberly Glick; Pastoral Prayer: Scott Coulter; Tech Crew: Benjamin Good-Elliott and Patrick Coonan; Artwork: Prints by Michelle Burkholder*

Second hour:

A conversation on Participation and Volunteerism at Assembly led by Cheryl Shreiner and Anna Yoder Schlabach (round table discussion in the MP space)

HEARING ASSISTANCE

This worship space has two systems to help people with hearing loss participate more fully in our life together.

1. FM system. Get a receiver and an ear speaker from the sound booth.
2. Hearing Loop accessed by hearing aids with t-coils. Find a seat in the worship space and turn on the t-coils.



New to Assembly? Complete the Assembly Survival Kit questionnaire by scanning the QR code.

Assembly Covenant:

As a community of God's people, we receive with joy God's gracious love.

In response, we join in worship and praise and make this covenant with God and with each other.

We affirm our faith in God, the source of life and love, the Sovereign of the world.

We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ, who redeems, reconciles, and reveals God to us.

We invite God's Spirit to transform, empower and guide us, as together we discern and follow God's word.

We pledge to nurture and care for each other and call out the gifts of each person.

We repent of sin, both private and social, and join God's plan for healing the earth and bringing peace and justice to its people.

We accept God's call to share the good news of redeeming love, and invite others to faith in Christ and membership in his church.

We encourage and pray for each other as we live out this covenant in hope for the time when God brings all of creation to its fullness in Christ.

-Covenant: adopted March 1993



Mary and Anna: Faith in Community
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