

Lent: *Everything Belongs*
Assembly Mennonite Church
March 16, 2025

Gathering

VT 120 For the Beauty of the Earth
Welcome
Call to Worship

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: all are welcome

People: Everything and everyone belong

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen.

VT 580 To Leave the Stones Unthrown

Opening Ourselves

Peace Lamp

Moriah, Norah, Saya, and Eliza

Leader: Let justice roll down like a river

People: And goodness like an ever flowing stream.

Offering - VT 91 We Praise Thee, O God

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

VT 673 Our God In Heaven

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: John 8: 1-11

L: The stories of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

VT 642 Healing River of the Spirit

*Beverly Lapp
Moriah Hurst
Norah and Saya*

Dale Klassen

Brian Roots

Sharing our Stories

Sermon response/Sharing from our lives

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Yoder Schlabach

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.*

VT 791 Let Justice Flow Down

Benediction

VT 1042

Thanks to: *Pianist:* Ana Yoder Coulter; *Tech Crew:* Glenn Gilbert and Hannah Friesen; *Artwork:* Prints by Michelle Burkholder

Second hour

Body-Focused Prayer and Meditation - Multipurpose space North (enter from office hallway): Experience body-based prayer/meditation with the theme of "everybody belongs."

Some Assembly Required - Multipurpose south near divider wall (NE corner): This classic Assembly elective is for all newish attendees, along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works and its unique practices and history. This week's topic is "Belonging at Assembly."

Supporting Local Immigrants and Noncitizens – Want to find out more about how to help undocumented residents and asylum-seekers and the work being done by local organizations to support them? This week's speakers are Jane Ross Richer, Immigrant Resource Coordinator at Center for Healing and Hope and Adriana Ortiz, MCC Great Lakes Church and Community Liaison.

Practices for Families - Multipurpose south near exit door (SW corner): What is your language for faith? What kind of prayer can you pray? What rituals do you want to do with your kids? We will explore some of these big questions and give some small steps so this doesn't feel as overwhelming. Come with your stories of what has worked for your family. This week, we will look at table blessings and practices.



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