



**Eastertide: "At home in our bodies"**  
*Carrying and Releasing Heavy Burdens*

May 16, 2021

**Parking Lot Worship** 10 a.m. [Zoom link here](#)

(Please park in the north parking lot and bring your own chair and mask\*)

**Gathering**

Call to worship (VT 854)

Welcome & Passing the Peace (ASL) - VT 850

VT 25 Brethren We Have Met to Worship

Peace lamp

Confession: adapted from Psalm 40

YHWH, do not withhold your mercy from me  
Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever  
For evils have encompassed me without number  
My burdens and my sins have overtaken me, and I can hardly see  
They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me  
Be pleased, YHWH, to deliver me; make haste to help me!  
Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life  
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you  
May those who know your saving grace say continually,  
"Great are you, YHWH!"  
As for me, you know I am poor and needy  
But you, YHWH, know this. You love me. You remember me.

**Together: *You are my help and my deliverer. Do not delay, my God!***

VT 608 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

**Hearing the Word**

Covenanting of Kristen Swartley

Matthew 11:25-30

Children's Time

Sermon

Rhythmic Response

## **Responding**

Ritual

VT 679 Come, Bring Your Burdens

VT 23 Hamba Nathi (Come, Walk With Us)

Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Offering

## **Sending**

Welcoming Visitors & Announcements

Benediction

VT 840 God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

## **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

## **Worship Participants**

Jon Zirkle, Worship Leader; Scott Hochstetler, Song Leader; Anna Yoder Schlabach, Peace Lamp; Lora Nafziger, Children's Time; Glenn Hochstetler and Joyce Hostetler, sermon; Sean Smuts, Tobias Magatti, Jeannette Hughes, Felecia Calloni, Mary Roth, Anne Birky, Leon Bauman, Jamie Lake, Linda Miller Slabaugh, Michael Miller, Cheryl Shreiner - ritual participants; Jamie Lake and Ryan Gomez Wengerd, music; Kristen Swartley, Mary Lehman Yoder, covenanting; Scott Coulter, pastoral prayer; Glenn Gilbert, Trevor Dougherty, tech hosts.

Please read the Assemblyline each week for more important announcements. You can sign up to receive the Assemblyline on the church website, or by contacting the church office.

**\*We know the new CDC guidelines allow for vaccinated people to be unmasked outdoors, but we are still asking folks to wear a mask when you are moving around or singing.** We will take more time in the next couple of weeks to figure out how the new CDC guidelines will change our worship practices and building use guidelines.