

 **Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship**

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Gathering & Praising

Prelude: *A time to quiet your spirit in preparation for worship*
Gathering Song: *We are often tossed and driv'n* purple, 72
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Songs:
When the storms of life are raging blue, 558
Lord Jesus, think on me blue, 527

Confessing and Offering

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
*Merciful God,
we confess that the world suffers because of our sin.
We use power against others for our own benefit.
We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed.
By our habits and apathies,
others are subjected to desolation, even despair.
Forgive us for making enemies and exiles
of those you call us to love and serve.
Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation.
Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve
and to wander without rest.
We wait on you, O God.
We hope in you.
You alone can restore all things, even us.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness
Offering

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the children of the Lord?* insert
Children's Time Allan Rudy-Froese
Song: *How long, O Lord* purple, 82
Scripture: *Lamentations 1:1-6* Jessie Gotwals
Sermon: *The Gifts of Lament* Dan Schrock

Song: *Lord, hear my prayer*

blue, 348

Praying

Congregational Sharing and Candle Lighting Doug Baker
Song: *All will be well* green, 98
Closing Prayer

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors
(Please pass the friendship registers)
Announcements
Blessing
Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Marilyn Rudy-Froese
Song Leader: Jenny Hooley
Accompanist: Paul Leichty
Prelude/Offertory: Deb Brubaker, Jessie Gotwals, Kate Friesen
and Martin Brubaker
Congregational Prayer: Doug Baker
Nursery: Eleanor Nafziger and Cassie Sessa
Ushers: Ginny and Armand Martin
AV Operator: Nicholas Schrock
Visuals: Randy Horst

Childcare is available during worship for infants & toddlers (Ages 0-3).

Nurture Hour

Begins ten minutes after worship. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS – Cherub Corner
- PRESCHOOL – Joyful Class
- PRIMARY – Peaceful Class
- MIDDLEL – Forgiveness Class
- JUNIOR YOUTH (JYF)
- HIGH SCHOOL (MYF)
- YOUNG ADULTS
- ADULTS

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