



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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Wild Hope

Gathering & Praising

Gathering Song: *Christ is the cornerstone* blue, 43

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs: *When All thy mercies, O my God* blue, 72

Praise with joy the world's creator green, 16

I was there to hear your borning cry green, 89

Parent-Child Dedication Wieand Family

Hearing God's Word

Litany of thankfulness

All: *God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace, we give you thanks.*

People: *We thank you for the gift of life. For the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.*

Leader: *We thank you for the mystery of creation. For the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.*

People: *We thank you for setting us in communities. For families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst. For people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight and offer hope for the future.*

Leader: *We thank you for this day. For life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace. For your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.*

All: For all these blessings and so much more, we give you thanks, oh God.

Song: *Will the Children?*

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Children's Time

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seth Miller

Sermon: *Wild Hope*

Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Responding to God

Song: *Unless a grain of wheat*

purple, 56

Offering

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Richard Miller

Closing song: *You shall go out with joy*

blue, 427

Closing prayer

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers)

Announcements

Benediction

Please join us for coffee and tea in the fellowship hall.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Joanna Epp

Song Leader: Greg Smucker

Accompanist: Angela Shenk

Prelude/Offertory: Patsy Sherer

Congregational Prayer: Richard Miller

Nursery: Tracy and Tim Thorne

Ushers: Anita and Tavi Mounsithiraj

AV Operator: Matthew Williams

Visuals: Marilyn Rudy-Froese

There is childcare during worship for infants & toddlers (Ages 0-3).

Nurture Hour

There is no nurture hour today. Instead, we will enjoy our second of three summer picnics that take the place of the Sunday School hour.

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