



Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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A Circle of Grace

Call to Worship

Gathering and Praising Songs:

I'll praise my maker

blue, 166

Brethren, we have met to worship

blue, 8

Christ is alive

purple, 89

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the Children?*

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Blessing of Grace for our Children Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Nate Shenk

Offering/Prayer Partner Names

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:23-31

Jacob Roth

Sermon: A Circle of Grace

Marilyn Rudy-Froese

Blessing of Grace for us all

Ruth Miller Roth

Song: *Peace before us*

Responding to God

Song: *Like a mother who has borne us*

green, 91

Blessing of Grace for our Teachers

Joe Sawatzky, Laura Moshier

Thank you, God, for our teachers.

For their time and their dedication,

For creativity and patience in the learning process.

Bless our teachers, we pray.

Infuse them -- and us all -- with an eagerness to dwell in you and your

Word,

To seek and find you in nature,

In quiet reading and lively discussions,

In the giggles of little children and reflections of those who have walked

with you for many years.

Open our hearts this year

To new beginnings, new insights, and new encounters with your love,
grace, and peace.

No matter our age, may we always keep learning and growing as children
of God.

Hold us safe and secure in your circle of Grace. Amen.

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Doug Baker

Transition to Fellowship, Christian Education, and Mission

Holding Our World

Hannah Canaviri, Gretchen Geyer

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Announcements

Sending Song: *Hamba nathi*

green, 2

Benediction



Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Ruth Miller Roth

Song Leader: Grant Miller

Accompanist: Angela Shenk

Offertory: Seth Krabill

Ushers: John and Lois Mast

AV Operator: Jason Moshier

Visuals: Elisabeth and Rafael Barahona

Infant Care: Sarah Morrison, Lisa and Maija Short

Toddler Care: John Hooley, Allan and Abby Rudy-Froese

We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.

Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (ages 4) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH – JYF (grades 5-7) – off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL – MYF (grades 8-12) – off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE – Library
- YOUNG ADULT – off Jubilee Hall
- ADULTS
 - Better than a Donut - end of hallway
 - New Life Stage for people in their 30's and 40's - sanctuary
 - Sermon Response - between Jubilee hall and Marilyn's office
 - Spiritual Gifts (beginning September 11) - sanctuary
 - Women's Circle: Tending Our Souls - Dan's office

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

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