

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Lavonne Shetler

Song Leader: Lindsay Diener-Locke

Accompanist: Patsy Sherer

Offertory: Andy Martin

Visuals: Susan Garboden. The banner, "Summertime Tree," was created by Roxanna Sommers and the wooden bowls by Sherm Kauffman.

Ushers: Lois & John Mast

AV Operator: Patrick Buller

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

During the summer months, parents may take young children to the nursery during the worship hour. However, parents should expect to remain with their children, as there will not be volunteers providing childcare.

A recording of this service is available in the office.

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 and then join us for one of these summer options:

- Input/Discussion: "Brene Brown Talk," led by Anna Sawatzky in the sanctuary.
- Activity: Water games, led by Mark Yoder. Meet in the fellowship hall for directions.

New to Berkey? If you have questions, ask anyone! Or look for the person standing to the left of the doors as you leave the worship space. Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at www.berkeyavenue.org/newsletter



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Christian Education Sunday

Call to Worship

Gathering Song: *Brethren, we have met to worship* blue, 8

Welcome and Opening Words

Songs: *There are many gifts* blue, 304

You are salt for the earth blue, 226

I've Got Peace Like a River projected

Growing in God's Word

Prayer Partners Trish Shenk

Congregational Prayer projected

All: Living God,

You are the beginning of our journeys, our guide, and our destination.

We remember our relatives and mentors, leaders and teachers who led us to faith by singing us songs and telling us Bible stories, by welcoming and accepting us, by praying for us without our knowing and by showing us how to follow Jesus.

You have been faithful to your people from generation to generation.

Help us pass your faithfulness on to the next generation.

May learning and worshiping together inspire us so that we share your good news with joy and confidence.

Equip us to be diligent in faith-sharing at home, and nurture us to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Adapted from "Worship Resources for Sunday School Promotion" by Elsie Rempel

Offering

Song: *Like a mother who has borne us* green, 91

Nurture Presentations Trish Shenk

Preschoolers: New Testaments Patty Lehman

Reece Yoder, Sally Derstine, Elliot Adcock

Children moving from Nursery Joanne Gallardo

to Sanctuary: music CD

Ana Sofia Barahona, Lena Buller, Henry Lanctot,

Ezra Shenk, Obie Kennel, Julia Locke, Norah Kern,

Caleb Yoder, Conrad Heinzekehr

Kindergarteners: God's Eyes Justin Heinzekehr

Kahlan Yoder, Max Martin, Micah Wieand,

Oliver Lehman, Abram Derstine

Second Grade: Bibles Trish Shenk

Jack Lanctot, Thiago Barahona

Reading: Sunday School Beatitudes Asiko Dlova, Jesse Sawatzky

Commissioning of the Teachers Joanne Gallardo

Commissioning Prayer projected

Leader:

God of Creation, you have gifted these teachers

With leadership, creativity and curiosity.

We pray you will fill them with the love of Christ,

And the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit.

Infuse them with energy and insight into your Word,

As they carry out their education ministries.

All Sunday School teachers:

You have not called us to be perfect.

You have called us to be faithful.

You have not called us to be all knowing

You have called us to believe.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching.

Congregation:

Bless our teachers, we pray.

Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them
throughout the year.

May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

Open our hearts this year to new insights.

No matter our age, keep us growing as children of God.

All:

We commit ourselves,

Each to our part,

In this joyful task of learning from each other.

May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love, guide us in all we do. Amen.

Adapted from Lois Siemens' "Prayer for commissioning SS teachers, "Superb Mennonite

Responding

Song: *Lord, we bring to you our children* green, 90

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Mark Schloneger

Transition to Fellowship

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

(Please pass the friendship registers.)

Announcements

Introduction of Adult Classes

Trish Shenk

Sending: Congregational Reading

blue, 738

Closing Song: *Teach me thy truth*

blue, 548