



## Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

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# *God's mission through the Church*

## *Week 1: the Church, gathered*

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, worship participants met through Zoom or in small groups for Backyard Worship.*

### Gathering as God's People

Greeting

Centering

Land acknowledgement

Call to Worship

God invites us all on a journey.

**In love** (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest),

In love, God gathers us.

**God gathers us** (palms cupped and held close together).

For love, God forms us.

**For love** (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest),

To love, God reconciles us.

**God forms us** (hands making motion of molding clay,  
like making a snowball)

With love, God sends us.

God, we ask for your blessing

**To love** (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest),

as we come before you in worship.

**God reconciles us** (fingers of both hands intertwined).

Amen.

**With love** (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest),

**God sends us** (arms in front and outstretched).

### Hearing God's Word

Story: "Abram, Sarai, and Lot: Genesis 12-13," [from Shine On: A Story Bible (Harrisonburg, VA: MennoMedia, 2014), 25]

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-12

### Responding

Discussion

Action of Response

Sharing our Testimonies and Petitions

Prayers of the People

### Sending to Serve

Offering our time, attention, or talents: Silent Reflection

Offering prayer: *Lord, we can only offer what you already have freely given. Take what we have, bless it, break it, and make it good news for the multitudes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

Benediction:

*God invites us all on a journey.*

*In love, God gathers us. and below you to uphold you.*

*To love, God reconciles us. and behind you to protect you.*

*For love, God forms us.*

*With love, God sends us.*

*And so, may the love of God be above you to overshadow you,*

*May the love of God go before you to guide you,*

*May the love of God be close beside you -*

*and within you, to make you able for all things,*

*and to give you a joy that the world can never give and*

*never take away. Amen.*