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God's mission through the Church

Week 2: the Church, formed

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. (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest)

In love, God gathers us. (palms cupped and held close together)

For love, God forms us. (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest)

To love, God reconciles us.

(hands making motion of molding clay, like making a snowball)

With love, God sends us. (arms crossed like an "x" close to chest)

God, we ask for your blessing (fingers of both hands intertwined)

as we come before you in worship.

(arms crossed like an "x" close to chest)

Amen.

Show and Tell: Sharing about items we've made.

Hearing God's Word

Story: "Promised Land Dreams: Deuteronomy 30, 34," [from Shine On:

A Story Bible (Harrisonburg, VA: MennoMedia, 2014), 68]

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:23-5:11

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-12

Responding

Discussion

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.

For love, God forms us.

To love, God reconciles us.

With love, God sends us.

And so . . .

May God take your shoes (look at shoes),

and fill them with feet that follow the way of Jesus.

May God take your lips (touch lips),

and make them proclaim the good news of Jesus.

May God take your hands (show hands),

*and make them touch people's wounds with the healing and
and compassion of Jesus.*

And may God take your hearts (hand to chest),

*and set them on fire, for this is the year of the Lord's favor,
and blessed be the name of the Lord!*

This is the year of the Lord's favor,

Blessed be the name of the Lord!