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God's mission through the Church Week 4: the Church, sent

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),

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

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

God forms us (hands making motion of molding clay, God, we ask for like making a snowball)

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

God reconciles us (fingers of both hands intertwined).

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

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

Show and Tell: Something that was received in the mail in the past week.

Hearing God's Word

Story: "A young girl and Naaman: 2 Kings 5:1-19" [from Shine On: A Story Bible (Harrisonburg, VA: MennoMedia, 2014), 109].

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 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...

And now to the One, who, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, forever and ever. And together, we say, **Amen.**