

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church


Denver, CO



In the Twinkling of an Eye

September 4, 2022

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

We invite you to join the congregation in singing the songs marked with .

Entering Worship

Prelude Music

Nos. 1 and 4 from *Six Etudes in Canon Form*, Op. 56 (R Schumann, arr. G Bizet)

Welcome & Announcements

I Owe the Lord a Morning Song

Voices Together 496

Vs 1 I owe the Lord a morning song of gratitude and praise,
for the kind mercy freely shown in length'ning out my days.

Vs 2 God kept me safe another night; I see another day.
Now, Holy Spirit, as the light, direct me in your way.

Vs 3 Keep me from danger and from sin, help me your will to do,
So that my heart be pure within, and I your goodness know.

Vs 4 Keep me until you call me hence, where never night can be,
and save me, God, for Jesus' sake; he shed his blood for me.

Call to Worship

VT 380

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit

**People: There are different ways
to serve the same God,
and we can each do different things.**

Leader: Yet the same God works in all of us
and helps us in everything we do.

**People: The revelation of the Spirit is given
to each for the common good.**

Passing the Peace

♪ **Call for Children: *Let the Children Come to Me***

VT 512

Let the children come to me; let the children come.
Never hinder them; never stop them.
Oh, let the children come.
Oh, let the children come, let them come.

Children's Time

♪ ***Gloria***

VT 94

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-19

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

♪ ***Joys Are Flowing like a River***

VT 375

Vs 1 Joys are flowing like a river
 Since the Comforter has come,
 Who abides with us forever,
 Makes the trusting heart a home.

Refrain Blessed quietness, holy quietness-
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me-
How the billows cease to roll!

Vs 2 Like the rain that falls from heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given,
Coming on us from on high.

Vs 3 See, a fruitful field is growing,
Blessed fruit of righteousness,
And the streams of life are flowing
In the lonely wilderness.

Vs 4 What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see God's face!
What a perfect habitation,
What a quiet resting place!

Meditation

"In the Twinkling of an Eye"

♪ On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

VT 661

Vs 1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Refrain I'm bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.
Oh, who will come and go with me? I'm bound for the promised land.

Vs 2 There gen'rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow.
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.

Vs 3 All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God the sun forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Vs 4 Filled with delight, my raptured soul can here no longer stay.
Though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.

Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offertory

No. 6 from *Six Etudes in Canon Form*, Op. 56 (R Schumann, arr. G Bizet)

Benediction

♪ *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT 170

Vs 1 Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin:
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name!

Vs 2 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Vs 3 Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most reviled,
By its transforming power making me God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Congregational Sharing & Introductions

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **There Are Many Gifts**

VT 374

Refrain There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are many works, but the same God,
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses.
Alleluia, praise God!

Vs 1 Now one has the gift of wisdom,
and other the calling to speak,
one the ability to comfort,
another the calling to teach.

Vs 2 A body has many members,
yet all work in unity.
The church is the body of Christ,
his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet.

Vs 3 Not all are called to be prophets,
and not all are called to preach,
but all should aim for the best gifts
and love is the greatest of these.



After the Service

10:45am Fellowship Hour (Community Center)

Acknowledgements for Worship Resources

I Owe the Lord a Morning Song

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Joys Are Flowing like a River

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On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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Wonderful Grace of Jesus

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