

# **Gathering for Worship**

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal (purple)

Prelude

## **Praising**

Call to Worship VT 862

Hymn: VT 57 – Holy Spirit, Come with Power Lighting the Peace Lamp

Confessing

#### Confession<sup>1</sup>

If it seems like there's not enough love to go around, perhaps love is not being measured appropriately. Love is not transactional. To consider love as a transaction creates distance.

#### Our God is not a transactional God.

God's love is not measurable, or definable, or able to be put away neatly in boxes.

### God's love is boundless and unfathomable.

To experience God's love, we are called to exchange our views about expected value. To let go of the idea of transaction in order to open ourselves to the experience of transformation.

### God's love is a force, not a quantity.

It is an attainable love that changes us.

When we choose to participate in God's love, we release control.

### And God's love changes us.

<sup>1</sup> (Confession adapted from a MennoCon23 sermon by Dianne Garcia, Pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio, a congregation centered on the immigrant community in San Antonio, Texas)

Hymn: VT 158 - Gott ist die Liebe

# Hearing The Word

Time for Children

Scripture Readings Romans 12:1-5

Message: Reflections from MennoCon23

Hymn: VT 768 - Come What May

## Responding

Responses
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.
Praying Together

Work of the Church
Welcoming our Guests
Announcements

The Ministry of Giving
Children's Offering (children are invited to bring their offerings at this time)
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

# Sending

Hymn: VT 412 - My Soul Cries Out

Benediction