

Gathering for Worship VT – Voices Together hymnal (purple)

Prelude

# Praising

Call to Worship

Hymn: VT 710 – This Is My Song

Lighting the Peace Lamp

# Confessing

Confession (adapted from Jack Knox, Salem Mennonite Church)

Walk with us, Lord, as we answer your call to be peacemakers. Increase our compassion, our generosity and our hospitality for the least of your children. Give us the courage, the patience, the serenity, the self-honesty and the gentleness of spirit that are needed in a world filled with turmoil and terror. Amen.

Hymn: VT 805 – Peace, Salaam, Shalom

# Hearing The Word

Time for Children (Children are dismissed for Children's Church.) Scripture Readings Exodus 1:8-22 Philippians 4:1-9

#### Message: Resistance Stories

Hymn: VT 601 - Lead Me, Guide Me

#### Responding

Responses Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Please come forward to the mic if you wish to share something.* Praying Together Hymn: VT 832 – *The Lord Lift You Up* 

Work of the Church Welcoming our Guests Announcements

The Ministry of Giving Children's Offering Offertory Prayer of Dedication

## Sending

Hymn: VT 802 - Draw the Circle

Benediction

### Lectionary for Next Sunday

Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

# Calendar

- **Oct. 22:** *Worship Service,* Michelle Burkholder preaches, 11:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 29:** *Worship Service,* Cynthia Lapp preaches, 11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 5: Requiem Service, 11:00 a.m.

#### Announcements

A note on today's worship arts: This set of banners pays tribute to those at the periphery of our lives and communities. Those we encounter, but whose humanity we fail to fully recognize. The middle banner, which is usually the center of attention, is intentionally left blank. Instead, the viewer is invited to focus on the side banners, and experience the joy that lies beyond our usual field of view.

**Church Retreat Planning Committee:** Thank you to the 2023 church retreat planning committee for organizing a successful congregation retreat experience. It's not too early to begin planning for next year's retreat scheduled for October 4-6, 2024. The HMC Pastorate committee is looking for 2 - 4 volunteers to serve on the retreat organizing committee.

**Jail Support Needs:** Those loved ones released on our Friday LAR Jail Support night on September 8 were very appreciative of the support items that we provided. We are now in need of replenishing our supplies. Here is the list of those items that are the most needed for our next visit on October 27. There will be a bin in the foyer for you to place your items.

<u>Snacks</u>: they especially like small bags of chips or other individual snack items <u>Shoe Laces</u>: black or white for sneakers

<u>Toiletries</u>: especially small shampoo bottles and small bars of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and deodorant)

<u>Metro Cards</u>: These are needed for transportation. \$15-20 per card is most helpful <u>Bottles of water</u>

Church Year Theme

GROW Boldly

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