

Christmas in August

August 4, 2024

GATHERING

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Pam Eiten, Song Leader

VT #65

Welcome

Deborah Wetherill

Call to Worship

Right: Glory, glory, glory!

Leader: We can live fully in this day! God is here.
God has come.

Left: Glory, glory, glory!

Leader: We can cry out to God in anger, loneliness,
pain, and sorrow.

Right: Glory, glory, glory!

Leader: God has restored us, turning our weeping
to shouts of joy.

Left: Glory, glory, glory!

Leader: God has invited us to be heirs of God's kingdom
through rebirth.

Right: Glory, glory, glory!

Left: Thanks be to God!

—*Words for Worship 2, #182*

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

In the Beginning

VT #270

Here I Am to Worship

VT #227

Offering Prayer

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

Pam Eiten

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (arr. Mark Hayes)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Joe Hayward

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

John 1: 1-5, 14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Richard Gehring

"The Light Shines in the Darkness"

Listening for the Spirit

Music for Reflection

Pam Eiten

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (arr. Thomas Keesecker)

Joy to the World

VT #240

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Invitation

Nathan Perrin

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(Our bread is gluten-free.)

Taste and See

VT #467

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

VT #989A

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

Arise, Your Light is Come!

VT #273

Sending

Leader: As we leave this time of worship,
Lord be with us.

**People: Abide in our intellect, that we may think
of you. Abide in our intuition, that we may
delight in your glory. Abide in our speech,
that we may honor you. Abide in our
decisions, that we may be just and merciful.
Abide in our actions, that we may participate
in your mission among and beyond us.**

Leader: Amen.

—*Words for Worship 2, #84*

Today

- A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder,
Spencer Yoder
- Coffee Host: Linea Richards
- Greeter: Linea Richards
- Nursery: Arlee Blackburn,
Jeremy Steelberg
- Church Opening and Lockup:
Lyle Bohnert, Vacant

This Week

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Pastoral Care, 7:00 PM

Sat—Summerfest! 4-7 PM

Announcements

- The long wait is over: **Summerfest is this coming Saturday!** Plan to join us from 4-7 PM for games starting at 4 PM, dinner at 5:30 PM, and an ice cream bar at 6:30 PM. Bring a side and/or dessert to share (homemade ice cream if you can!), chairs/picnic blankets, and any yard games you like to lead and play. LMC will provide the drinks, hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and ice cream toppings (everything carefully labeled for folks with dietary restrictions). Hope to see you there!