

# Laurel Street Mennonite Church

January 29, 2023

Worship Leader: Angela Dietzel

Music Leader: Laura Metzler

## Gathering

Welcome

Announcements & Celebrations

Opening Prayer

Singing: Come Away from Rush and Hurry (VT 9)

10,000 Reasons (VT 111)

## Connect

Discussions at tables: Shared Convictions

In 2006, Mennonite World Conference adopted seven shared convictions. How might we live into these global shared convictions in our context at Laurel Street? As we discuss these convictions, think about how we might translate the religious language into today's everyday language and apply them to our church and community.

By the grace of God, we seek to live and proclaim the good news of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. As part of the one body of Christ at all times and places, we hold the following to be central to our belief and practice:

1. God is known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator who seeks to restore fallen humanity by calling a people to be faithful in fellowship, worship, service, witness.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

(John 14:23, 25-26)

In what ways might God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as "God in community" provide a model for relationships at Laurel Street and guide us in our fellowship, worship, service, and witness at Laurel Street?

2. Jesus is the Son of God. Through his life and teachings, cross and resurrection, he showed us how to be faithful disciples, redeemed the world, and offers eternal life.

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends....I no longer call you servants....Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you” (John 15:13-15)

In what way(s) has Jesus been one of the following in your life or in your congregation—healer, the way, teacher, the truth, good shepherd, life, light, friend?

3. As a church, we are a community of those whom God’s Spirit calls to turn from sin, acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, receive baptism upon confession of faith, and follow Christ in life. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)  
How, can we as a community work together to encourage each other to grow as disciples of Christ? What practices are helpful? What new practices might we begin?

Song of Response: The Lord Lift You Up (VT 832)

### **Share**

Prayers of the people

Benediction