

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

January 19, 2025

Sunday Seminar 9:30 am ~ Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Bob Wiebe

Speaker: Jonathan Neufeld

Children's Time: Julia Thiessen

Song Leader: Rebecca Harder

Scripture Reader: Rosemarie Mauer

Pianist: Velma Braun

Ushers: Angela Brenneman & Elsie Rempel

Technician: Mike Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Song: VT 11 *Mountain of God*

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship for Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday 2025

Though we may be inclined to brag,
let us come together with humility.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
let us come together with patience.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Though the world around often encourages hate,
let us come together in love.

How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,
Let us worship the God who has called us together.

– based on Psalm 133, written by Reverend Joanna Harader,
a Mennonite pastor in Kansas, USA

Song of Praise: VT 134 *Bring Many Names*

Confession

We confess it is easy in our busy lives to forget our sister Anabaptist churches around the world.

Forgive our narrow vision of the church, O Lord.

We confess it is easy in our routine churchgoing to neglect members of our fellowship in need of care or comfort.

Forgive our cool hearts, O Lord.

We confess it is easy in the midst of rush and hurry to miss the still small voice of Your presence within us.

Forgive our oblivion to your Holy Spirit.

Assurance

We are assured, O God, that your love is greater than our limitations, and that your Spirit is active in us and in our church beyond our knowing. We thank you for the promise of your forgiveness in Christ Jesus and the blessings of your care.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Story

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Hymn: VT 420 *God of the Bible*

Sermon: "Reading the room and poking the bear"

Hymn: VT 428 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Sharing [livestream muted] and Prayers of the People

SENDING

Announcements

Offering Ourselves

Benediction

Sending Song: VT 791 *Let Justice Flow Down*

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