

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Worship Service 10:00 am

Worship Leader: Laura Thiessen

Scripture Reader: Joel Rempel

Children's Time: Julia Thiessen

Reflection: Julia Thiessen, James Friesen

Piano: Verna Wiebe

Usher: Myrdhinn Beausoleil

Technician: Mike Smith

The Word Fulfilled – Reading the Bible with Jesus

Chapter 5: Mercy, Not Sacrifice

CALLED TO GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgement

Opening Sentence

CALLED TO PRAISE

Leader: Lord, open our lips

People: *and our mouths will proclaim your praise.*

Leader: You are good to those who wait for you,

People: *to all who seek you.*

We Praise God...

Song VT 87 *O Praise the Gracious Power* (V 1-5)

Thanksgiving:

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O God; We will sing your praise.

People: *Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

(Naming our Thanks)

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

People: *and let your glory shine over all the earth.*

Response prayer based on Micah 6:1-8 (by Dana Cassell)

Oh God

Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer-

How do we thank you?

How do we show our gratitude?

Do you want signs and sacrifices?

Do you want gold and cattle?

Can we turn over our children to you?

Would that repay our debt, make everything right?

Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness?

Oh God,

Our teacher, example, companion—

You have shown us what is good,

and call us to remember

that what you require is not

repayment of debt

or settling the score,

but obedience.

Show us, God

When to do justice,

how to love kindness,

and where to walk,

humbly,

with You.

Amen.

Song VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

Charleswood Mennonite Church Affirmation Statement (June 9, 2019)

Charleswood Mennonite Church is rooted in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition as a community of faith committed to becoming the body of Christ.

We welcome all persons to worship and participate with us. We acknowledge the image of God in every person including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation. We invite all to participate in our congregation's practices such as baptism, church membership, church leadership, and marriage. We lament the prejudice and discrimination found in society and in the church, and we commit to holding each other accountable to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate and affirm all persons worshipping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.