

Focus Statement *Making Peace a Practice*: Inviting God to grapple with us as we face conflict and work toward healing and reconciliation is a part of our faith journey. The story of Jacob and Esau testifies that when we pay attention to conflict's spiritual significance, we can encounter God and experience blessing in wrestling with conflict and in its transformation.

Encountering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather here in anticipation,
seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
**who invites us to wrestle with our questions and
doubts,**
who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.
Let's worship God together

Engaging

Songs of Praise	<i>Together</i>	VT 389 v.1,3,4
	<i>For we are strangers no more</i>	VT 409
	<i>We are people of God's Peace</i>	VT 797

Children's Time *My Coins Count*

Offering

Scripture Reading Genesis 32: 22-31; 33: 1-10

Message "Striven with God and with Humans":
Acknowledging God in Our Wrestling,
Seeing God in Our Reconciliation

Empowering

Time of Reflection *Jacob's Blessing* by Jan Richardson

Congregational Prayer

Song of Sending *Now go in Peace* VT 835

Blessing

As we go from here, hear again the promises of God,
made long ago to our ancestor Jacob,
and still true for us today:

I am the Lord your God, the God of Abraham and Isaac.
Know that I am with you,
and will keep you wherever you go.
I will not leave you until I have done everything that I
have promised.

Let's go from here in the assurance that our faithful God goes
with us.

My Coins Count, Too by Les Gustafson-Zook

Chorus:

My coins count (2,3,4)

Sharing coins so kids can have a better life

My coins count (6,7,8)

We can make a difference in the world.

Verse 1:

Kids need water, water to drink!

Kids need food, food to eat!

Kids need a chance to go to school!

All around the world,

Verse 2:

Sharing our coins for water to drink!

Sharing our coins for food to eat!

Sharing a chance to go to school!

All around the world.

Worship Leader

Music Leader

Scripture Reader

Children's Time

Message

Prayers of the People

Zoom Host

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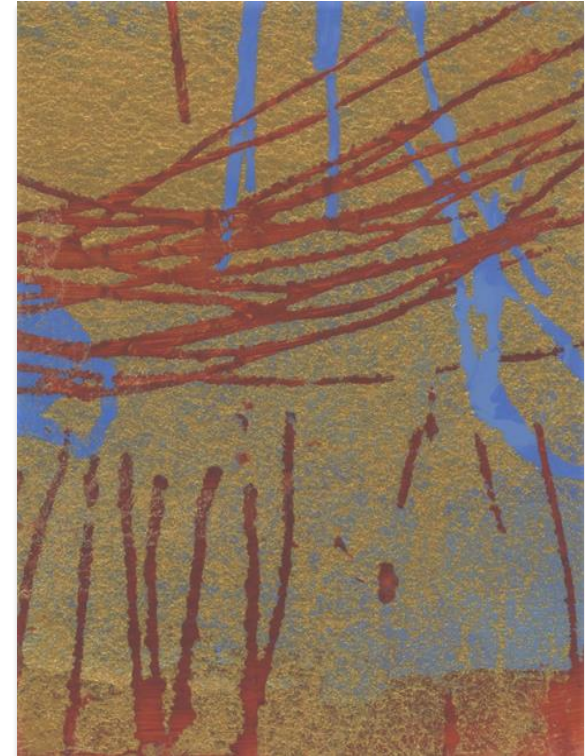
Blessing

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Peaceful Practices:

Biblical Foundations for
Healthy Communication in Conflict

September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship

East Goshen Mennonite Church