

Focus Statement: *Authenticity and Transformation:* Jesus calls his followers to speak from the heart, contributing our own thinking and experience rather than judging others. The early church demonstrates that intention and creativity in bringing people together for such sharing in community, when guided by the Holy Spirit, can bring transformation.

Encountering

Prelude *Longing for light* VT 715

Words of Welcome

Prayer

Call to Worship

God of the open road, God of the twisting path,
God of the narrow and upward way, your people are gathered for worship!
 In this hour, give us provision for the journey,
courage, faith, and compassion to be open to being transformed by You.
 Open our eyes to see you
walking beside us, encouraging us, loving us into being your authentic people.

Engaging

Songs of Praise *Summoned by the God who made us* VT 1
How can we be silent VT 790
Let the children come VT 512

Children's Time

Offering *Will you come and follow me* VT 540
 v. 1 & 5

Scripture Reading Acts 15: 1-12
 Luke 6: 37-45

Message Eyes, "I"s, and Us:
 Speaking from the Heart
 and Structures for Sharing

Empowering

Time of Reflection

Congregational Prayer

Song of Sending *My soul cries out* VT 412

Benediction

God of Power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
 may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
 be our goal and our strength,
now and always.
Go in peace to love and serve God with all your hearts!

Worship Leader
Music Leader
Scripture Readers
Children's Time
Message
Prayers of the People
Zoom Host
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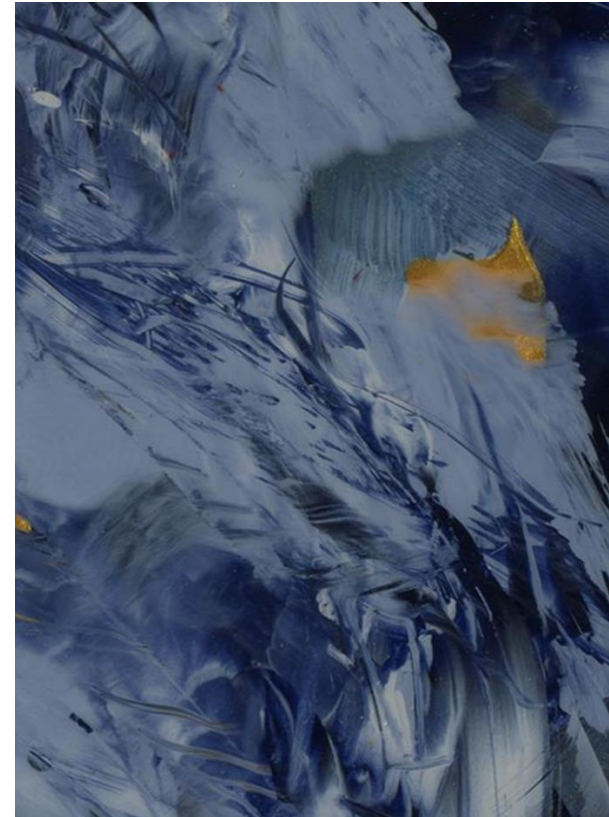
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Blessing

"Blessing That Undoes Us"

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Peaceful Practices:

Biblical Foundations for
Healthy Communication in Conflict

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10:30 a.m. Worship
East Goshen Mennonite Church