

**Focus Statement:** The words of Scripture and the language of faith are "not too difficult for us or beyond our reach." We find instead that they are near to us, part of a love story that is sweet to tell.

## ***Encountering***

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

**Blessed are you, O God!**

You have blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing.

**You chose us in Christ,**

**before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and blameless before you in love.**

You chose us for adoption as your children  
through Jesus Christ.

**In Christ you have provided us redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

Put Christ in our hearts; root and ground us in love;  
***that we may embrace the breadth and length  
the height and depth of your love  
and share it with one another.***

**Opening Song**      *Come let us all unite to sing*      VT 7

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements**

### **Opening Prayer**

## ***Engaging***

**Singing**      *Rejoice, rejoice forevermore*      VT 402  
v. 1, 2, 3 & 5  
*Jesus Christ is love divine*      VT 749

### **Offering and Offertory**

**Scripture**      Ezekiel 2: 9-3:3; Deuteronomy 30:11-14  
Ephesians 3: 14-19

**Children's Time**      *Let the children come to me*      VT 512

**Message**      "In Your Mouth and in Your Heart"

**Anointing**  
*Here I am*      VT 545  
*Will you come and follow me*      VT 540

## ***Empowering***

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Closing Song**      *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*      VT 764

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## ***Commission and Benediction***

Speak to all the world of the child by whose word  
the universe is held together!

**We can hardly speak for ourselves;  
how can we speak in the name of the Son of God?**

"Whom shall I send?" God asks us. "Who will go?"  
If those whom God has shown love have no words,  
who can tell the world that God's reign is among us?

**Send us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to teach us,  
to remind us of everything Jesus proclaimed.**

Show us how to bring your presence to others –

**when to keep silence,  
when to act in secret,  
when to openly name the Name,**

Free our hearts, our hands, our voices to confess Christ,  
to give people the reason for the hope that is in us.

***Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

***You took the form of a servant.***

***You preached peace.***

***You healed the oppressed.***

***You died for us.***

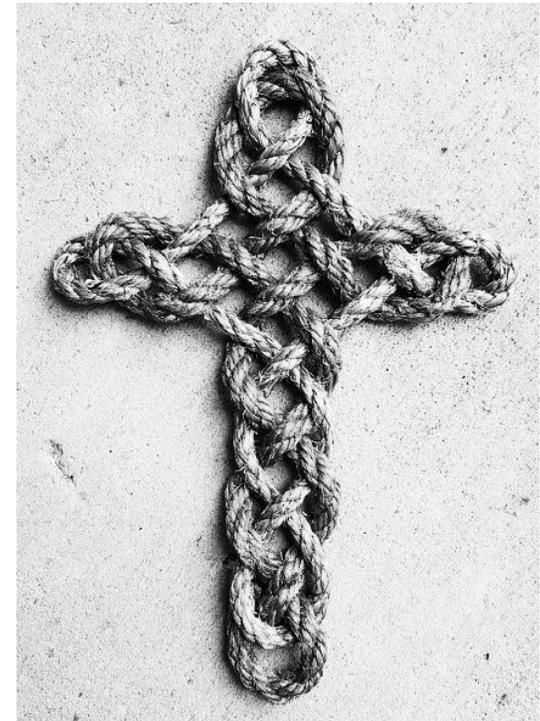
***We will tell the world***

***That you are the author of our salvation.***

***Here we are; send us!***

### **Participants:**

Worship Leader	Carl Helrich
Music Leader	Roberta Miller Yoder
Message	Naomi Yoder
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Children's Time	Sharon & Dave Miller
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## **Tongue-Tied**

*Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith*

August 7, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship

East Goshen Mennonite Church