

November 24, 2024

*“EPIC Update: Solidarity with our Neighbors in Mexico and Central America”*

**FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

**Worship: 10:00 AM**

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**SEASON OF PENTECOST**

“Tongues of fire came and rested upon each one of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit!”

**1. GATHERING**

**Musical Prelude (Leanna)**

**Call to Worship: #853 (Steve)**

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| <p>If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,<br/><b>You are welcome.</b></p> <p>If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,<br/><b>You are welcome.</b></p> <p>If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet.<br/><b>You are welcome.</b></p> <p>God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.</p> | <p>Si se siente muy a gusto aquí, o si está cansado o preocupado,<br/><b>¡ Bienvenido!</b></p> <p>Si su fé es fuerte, or si su fé está maltratado o frágil,<br/><b>¡ Bienvenido!</b></p> <p>Si está ansioso por adorar a Dios, o si necesita estar en silencio,<br/><b>¡ Bienvenido!</b></p> <p>Dios nos da la bienvenida a todos para adorarle y nos promete estar con nosotros aquí hoy</p> |
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**Opening Prayer: #857 (Steve)**

**Congregational Singing (Leanna and Cathy)**

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**All:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

*“Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door.”  
—Emily Dickinson*

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10:17-20**

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, 18 who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. 19 You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear.

**Sermon: "EPIC Update: Solidarity with our Neighbors in Mexico and Central America" (Cathy)**



Today, Cathy will be presenting an update on EPIC (Ecumenical Project in International Cooperation). The mission of EPIC is to create linkages between people and groups devoted to solving global challenges of poverty, food insecurity, environmental degradation, health inequity, human rights, and peacemaking.

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



**Congregational Singing (Leanna and Cathy)**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Offering & Music (Leanna)**

**Sending: #1042 (Steve)**

God our sanctuary,  
grant us and our neighbors near and far,  
courage in our hearts,  
peace in our homes,  
and justice in our streets. — Amen

*"Hope is the thing with feathers,  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops - at all."*

—Emily Dickinson

*"Blessed are we, the anxious,  
with eyes wide open to the lovely and the awful.  
Blessed are we, the aware,  
knowing that the only sane thing to do in such a world  
is to admit the fear that sits in our peripheral vision.  
Blessed are we, the hopeful,  
eyes searching for the horizon  
ready to meet the next miracle, the next surprise.  
Yes, blessed are we, the grateful,  
awake to this beautiful, terrible day."*

—Kate Bowler, from *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!*