

Home Street Mennonite Church  
January 2, 2022  
Welcome to Worship



**Dare to imagine God's dance!**

**Focus Statement:** Daring to imagine God's dance is risky business. It calls us to a whole body and soul partnership with our Creator, which, in turn, means dancing with all of humanity and indeed, all of Creation. God is the intimate and inclusive dancer, living among us, revealing all that is God in the Word made flesh.

**Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Come and join in a holy dance—

a dance God has been imagining since the beginning.

**We come, weeping.**

Join in God's comforting dance.

**We come with nothing.**

Join in God's dance of abundance.

**We come, feeling disconnected.**

Join in God's intimate dance.

**We come, although we do not know  
how to dance.**

Will we care to learn the moves?

Do we dare step onto the dance floor?

**We will join God's daring dance.**

Prayer

Song *In the Beginning* VT 270

**Hearing**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

John 1:1-18

This is God's Word to the People

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

Offering

Message

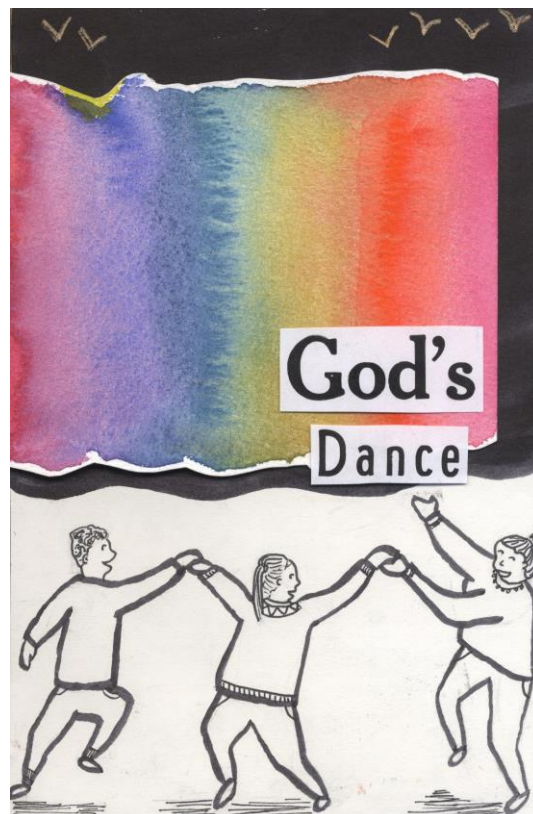
**Responding**

Song *Love Has Come* VT 258

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction



*We acknowledge that we meet on the ancestral lands of several First Nations and the homeland of the Métis people. We commit ourselves to being Treaty People and to living in right relationship with one another as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples.*

**Worship Participants:**

Meditation: Patricia B

Worship Leader: Terry L

Musicians: Carrie S, Wayne G, Judith FE

Scripture Reader: Gordon EF

Children's Story: Kathy G

Visual Display: Peter F, Michelle M, Henry L, Marika V

Prayers of the People: Phil CE

Zoom Technician: Kenton Noble

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**In Prayer**

Pray for all those who have contracted COVID – for a mild experience of this virus, and for a speedy recovery. Also pray for those who are isolating with them and all those who are supporting the isolated. Pray for our healthcare workers – for their own safety and for the energy and optimism they need as they continue to care for others. Remember school administrators, teachers, staff and students as they plan for the new school term in January. Give them strength, wisdom, and patience as they adapt to new pandemic realities.

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**Inside Our Doors**

1. **Due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in the community**, the Pandemic Guidance Group has decided to move this Sunday's service (January 2) onto Zoom. The link can be found in the body of this email. Although public health guidelines allow us to meet with limited capacity, we have made this decision out of care and concern for our community, our health care system, and the many dedicated people who work in health care. We anticipate moving back to our livestreamed format as soon as it feels safe to have a worship leading team of 10 or so people sharing the sanctuary. Please watch future emails for updates and the Zoom or YouTube links that you'll need.
2. **Home Street Youth** – gather this Friday evening, January 7, from 7:30-9pm for a Zoom games night. Snacks will be delivered to your homes. A Zoom link will arrive by email.
3. **Adult Education:** Germinating Conversations: Food, Faith, Farming, and the Land (Led by Marta Bunnett Wiebe and Steve Plenert) Do you remember the last time you ate? Chances are that you do because eating is something we all do pretty much every day. So much so that maybe you don't even give eating a lot of thought. You just do it! However, food, farming, and eating all have profound spiritual, ecological, social, and political aspects to them. Join us as we look at values such as peace and the earth in our Adult Ed series drawing on the book *Germinating Conversations: Stories from a Sustained Rural-Urban Dialogue on Food, Faith, Farming, and the Land*. Led by the book's editor and one of the contributors, we will listen and dialogue about the gifts and challenges that growing and eating present, explore the practical role of food in a climate emergency, and practice engaging well with one another in dialogue.

All sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings 7:00- 8:00, via Zoom.

January 13: Setting the Table – Introducing Germinating Conversations and the role of food in a climate emergency.

January 20: Listening to Farmers – hearing about growing food and exploring environmental sustainability. January 27: Listening to Eaters – thinking intentionally about food choices and environmental impact.

February 3: A Dialogue on Eating and the Environment with HSMC regulars and guests.

4. **Annual congregational meeting.** It is almost time for our 2022 annual meeting! Please hold two dates in your calendar. If an in-person or hybrid meeting is possible, it will be on Saturday, February 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. If a Zoom meeting is necessary, it will be on Wednesday, February 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A decision will be made early in the new year about the type of meeting and the date
5. **Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend Home Street Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered by mail and email. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church Manitoba. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Cindy Paetkau by email [administrator@hsmc.ca](mailto:administrator@hsmc.ca) or call 204- 783-1721. Hom

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