

# First Mennonite Church of Richmond

## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

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Worship Leader                      Joel & Val Reinford  
Music Leader                              Praise Team  
Prelude

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### GATHERING

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Song "Come, now is the time to worship"  
Song "Holy is the Lord"

### Call to Worship

Hymn "What is this place"                      HWB 1  
Hymn "Lift every voice"                      HWB 579

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### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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Confession                              SJ 128  
Children's Time  
Song "He's got the whole world"  
Scripture                              Acts 6: 1-6  
**Sermon** "The Wounds of Distrust"                      Ryan Ahlgrim

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### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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*Silent Reflection*

\*Hymn "O healing river"                      HWB 372  
Sharing of Joys & Concerns                      Ryan Ahlgrim  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Offertory

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### SENDING

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Sending Song "Guide my feet"                      HWB 546  
Benediction

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*\*This song is unattributed in our hymnal but was written by Fran Minkoff and Fred Hellerman. It was introduced at a critical time in the civil rights movement and documented in the book "Freedom Summer" as well as in Pete's Seeger's musical memoir, "The Incomplete Folk Singer." That memoir includes the following entry, written in Meridian, Mississippi, for August 5, 1964.*

*"And perhaps this is one of the more peaceful revolutions of history. Last night I had to announce to my audience that the bodies of the three young civil rights workers had just been found. But no one was shouting for revenge. Rather, one felt simply an intense determination to continue this work of love. Afterward, people came up to me to get the words to a new song I've been singing:*

*O healing river,/Send down your water,/Send down your water/Upon this land.  
O healing river,/Send down your water/And wash the blood/From off the sand."*