

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader Lyubov Slashcheva
Music Leader Jim Lehman
Prelude "You Make Beautiful Things" -- Gungor

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: One hundred and fifty years ago this nation concluded its most violent and wounding war. Though unsought by either side when the war began, the result was the ending of enslavement for African Americans.

C: But the wounds of war, and the legacy of slavery, persist: poverty, anger, distrust, wounded pride, justifications, humiliations, discriminations, segregations, and a reconciliation difficult to reach.

L: As a congregation commissioned by our Lord Jesus, let us bind up the wounds of our city and society. Setting aside malice and judgment, let us embody God's grace and live out God's justice.

C: We shall share the burden of pain, and celebrate the promise of peace.

Hymn

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Children's Time Jean Oswald

Dismissal for Junior Worship Tina Eshleman

Hymn

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 20:19-23

Sermon "Why Was Jesus Raised?"

Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

Receiving Members Craig & Marla Wilson

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Ryan Ahlgrim

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Prayer:

Creator, Nourisher, Savior, Friend:

Receive these gifts not just for what they are, but also for what they represent: our daily re-dedication of our lives to you. May your dying love in Christ empower us to rise to new life in you today. Amen.

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren offering resources

Offering

Offertory "Breathe on Me Breath of God" Laurie Ahlgrim, piano

SENDING

Sending Song

Benediction