

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader	David Bartow
Music Leader	Curt Holsopple
Prelude	Laurie Ahlgrim

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Acts 2:1-13
Hymn "God is here among us"	HWB 16
Hymn "For God so loved us"	HWB 167

Confession

Let us seek the saving grace from Christ through the ministry of the Spirit within us. Spirit Friend, with the confidence Christ Jesus has given us, we come to you, confessing our sins and receiving your strength.

Come as the gift of truth to expose all pretence and self deceit.

Come as the rushing wind and scour our being of all that is stale, dusty and sour.

Come as the tongues of fire and purge us of everything that is corrupt, base and infected.

Come as the breath of the risen Christ, bringing forgiveness and new beginnings.

Come as the Counsellor to encourage integrity and faithfulness.

Come as the seal of adoption that we may rejoice as children of God.

* SILENT PRAYER

O grace of Christ, redeem us. O love of God, enfold us. O power of the Spirit, invigorate us.

Amen!

Words of Assurance

My Friends, The Spirit you have received is not a spirit of fear pushing you back into a life of drudgery, but a Spirit of love.

Amen! Where the Spirit is, there is liberty.

Be happy! You are a forgiven family to whom the gifts of heaven have been promised and on whom the first instalment has been poured.

Thanks be to God!

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Come, gracious Spirit"	HWB 303
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Dismissal for Junior Worship (ages 4-7)

Scripture	Genesis 11:1-9
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Sermon "Babel Reversed"	Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
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Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Break thou the bread of life	HWB 360
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Communion

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
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Offering

This day is my daily bread. Take it. Bless it. Break it. Give it to all I meet this day.

Offertory	Laurie Ahlgrim
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SENDING

Sending Song "All hail the power of Jesus' name"	HWB 285
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Benediction