

Worship Order for Sunday, August 30, 2020

## **Welcome to Worship@Home.**

*You are invited to worship at 10:00 am, so whether we are in our homes or at the church building, we worship together as one community.*

*If you are in households of two or more, you are encouraged to do the readings aloud. Decide ahead of time who will be the worship leader and who will do the scripture readings, etc. Don't forget to grab your Bible.*

*May God meet you in worship this day.*

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**Prelude**

*Brenda Doell*

**Video Prelude**



**Welcome***Pastor Rachel***Call to Worship***Tracy Enns*

God our Provider,  
We enter into worship today needing you in different ways.  
Some of us need strength because we are facing a challenge that seems to  
steep  
Some of us need hope, because we are feeling like giving up.  
Some of us need love because we are feeling alone or isolated  
Some come to worship longing for tenderness because this world can be hard.  
Some come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows.

We trust that you will provide for us, whether through words or music,  
or in a quiet moment of reflection. You are here, you are with us.  
Fill us this morning with your peace:  
Amen.

**Music***10,000 Reasons**Amy Doell, Lisa Doell*

## Children's Story



## Offering Prayer

Your financial offering can be done through online banking (call Emily at the office for instructions), by e-transfer, or by mailing a cheque to the church office, PO Box 267.

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, and in you all things exist. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Accept the gifts we place before you now. Amen

## Prayer of Intercession

God of love,  
You have shown us your goodness in Jesus Christ,  
who ate with the outcast, healed the sick, forgave the sinner.

Jesus did not repay evil, for evil, but loved his enemies, dying on the cross.  
Your love is stronger than death, and you raised Jesus from the dead, offering  
new life and eternal life to all people.

God of love,  
you call people into communities in Jesus' name.  
We give you thanks for the community that is Carman Mennonite Church and  
for the many ways you make yourself known in our midst.

Rejoice with us as we ... give thanks for Art & Mary Anne's service as deacons,  
and celebrate John's 80th with him and Leona, (open prayers)

Comfort to all who mourn this day ... (open prayers)

Heal us from our illnesses and injuries ... continue to place John in your care,  
(open prayers)

Grant us your wisdom as we discern your will for our congregation ... (open  
prayers)

God of love,  
we pray for this world you so deeply love.

We pray for Bock Ki Kim, MC Canada Witness worker in South Korea, in his work  
as a peacemaker.

We place into your care all of the communities impacted by Hurricane Laura.  
Comfort to all who are mourning and grant your wisdom and strength to those  
involved in cleaning up after the storm.

We remember the people of Beirut, long since out of the news, but still living in  
the after mass of the explosion. Assure them that they are not alone as they  
grieve and work to rebuild hospitals and homes.

We pray for a slowing and an end to the pandemic. Bring your healing to all  
who are sick. Strengthen and encourage front-line health and hospital workers.  
Grant your wisdom to scientists and doctors, public health officials and govern-  
ment leaders as they work to discover treatments, vaccines, and policies that  
are in the best interests of all citizens. Help us not to shame people who become  
sick, but to be bearers of your mercy and compassion.

You, O God, show no distinction between peoples, yet we separate ourselves in all sorts of unhealthy ways. Bring an end to the harms of racism - individual and systemic - so that all your people may choose life.

God of love,  
we offer you our prayer in the strong name of Jesus, our healer and redeemer.  
Amen.

***Scripture Reading***

Romans 12:9-21

Tracy





**Sermon**

## Community in Christ

**Music**

Will you let me be your servant

**Prayer of Response**

Almighty God,  
by your Holy Spirit  
you have made us one with your saints  
in heaven and on earth:

Help us to see your presence  
burning in the hearts of others;  
grant that we may be united  
in a fellowship of love and prayer;  
give us the courage to pick up our cross  
and respond to the needs of the world,  
give us the stamina to follow you,  
to be your hands and heart in the world;

enable us to witness to your grace and mercy.

We pray all this  
through the love your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Music**                      You shall go out with joy

***Blessing***

May the strength of God sustain us;  
may the power of God preserve us;  
may the hands of God protect us;  
may the way of God direct us;  
may the love of God go with us this day and forever. Amen