



**Milwaukee
Mennonite
Church**
A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 28, 2022

Covenant Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Words of Introduction

Opening Prayer

(Adapted from VT #877)

Singing

Come, We That Love VT 31
God Is Here Among Us VT 62

HEARING

Scriptures

Psalms 104: 24-35
John 14: 15-21

Singing (handout)

Covenant Song by Connie Johnson-Evers

Children's Time

RESPONDING

Singing

VT 409, For We Are Strangers No More

Affirming our Vision

Acknowledging & Blessing Church Teams

VT 968

Sharing our Stories

Prayer

Litany of Commitment

Litany of Remembering Our Baptisms

Singing

VT 454 Wade in the Water

Preparing for Communion

COMMUNION

SENDING

Sending Song

VT 835 Go Now in Peace

Benediction

VT 1066

Next Week: 10am at Harrington Beach S.P., Love Feast

Pastoral Care Team

Matthew Keiser
Erin Cassidente
Connie Johnson-Evers

Milwaukee Mennonites Vision Statement:

We are drawn together to follow Jesus Christ:
to worship God,
to serve the needs of our neighbors,
and to pursue reconciliation with all.

We welcome others to join us and help us as we seek to
nurture a community filled with grace, joy, and peace
so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Leader Do you commit to following Jesus Christ:

- by loving God, loving each other, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and loving our enemies
- and by being attentive to the Holy Spirit?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader Do you commit to worshipping God:

- by regularly gathering for worship, service, and meetings for discernment of congregational life
- and by praying and studying the Bible?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader Do you commit to serving the needs of our neighbors:

- by offering our time, talents, and resources to support God's work in our neighborhoods, Milwaukee, and around the world?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader Do you commit to pursuing reconciliation with all:

- by encouraging and forgiving one another
- and by seeking to be peacemakers in our homes, neighborhoods, Milwaukee, and around the world?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader Do you commit to welcoming others:

- by sharing and showing God's love
- and by practicing hospitality?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader Do you commit to nurturing a community of grace, joy, and peace:

- by giving and receiving counsel
- and by seeking to lead simple lives in humility and thankfulness?

People **By God's grace we do!**

Leader You have committed yourself to God's work and the people at Milwaukee Mennonite Church. May God's love guide us as we live out these commitments to God and to each other this year.

ALL **Amen!**

LITANY OF REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

Leader At Milwaukee Mennonite, baptism is a joyful recognition of God's love for us and of our turning to God. Are you continuing to turn towards God in recognition of this love?

People **By God's grace we are.**

Leader Baptism is a commitment to follow Jesus above all else that calls for our allegiance. Is your allegiance given to Christ alone?

People **By God's grace it is.**

Leader We hold baptism to be a celebration of God's love and the challenge of Jesus' way of peace and reconciliation. Are you living a life committed to this way?

People **By God's grace we are.**

Leader We are baptized into the body of Christ, that is, into the church worldwide, and into the local church community where we offer our gifts to serve others in humility and accountability. Do you remember this baptism and your connection to the body of Christ?

People **By God's grace we do.**

Leader Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, remember with joy that you belong to God and you are loved!

People **God, we thank and praise you!**

ALL **Amen!**