

September 17, 2023

*“Following Our Prophetic Daughters and Sons”*

FORT COLLINS MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

300 E. Oak Street, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF PENTACOST

## 1. GATHERING

*“I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness; I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return once more.” — Anne Frank*

### Musical Prelude (Stan)

### Call to Worship (Lynette) - #884

**Leader:** In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**All:** God was.

**Leader:** Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

**All:** God is.

**Leader:** In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

**All:** God will be.

**Leader:** Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All:** God was, God is, God will be.

## Opening Prayer (Lynette) - #881

### Congregational Singing (Stan)

#### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also, with you.

**All:** Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture: Acts 2:16-18

16...this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

### SERMON: "Following Our Prophetic Daughters and Sons" (Steve)



Our Earth seems to be in its "last days," as Acts, chapter 2, seems to be saying. Or could it simply be the "final days" of an era, one that was too dependent upon fossil fuels, corrupt politics, and systemic cultural bigotry?

Will the era's end come as a new generation demands the changes necessary to build a more sustainable world?

## 3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

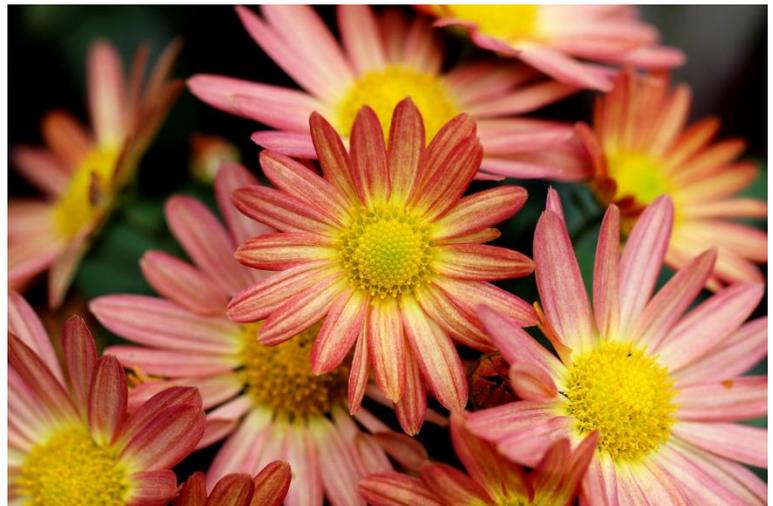
### Congregational Singing (Stan)

#### Response (everyone)

#### Joys and Concerns (everyone)

#### Offering & Music (Stan)

#### Sending (Steve) - #1002



*"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." — Winston Churchill*

*"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'."*

*— Erma Bombeck*

*"Whatever good things we build end up building us." — Jim Rohn*