

Prelude

Opening Song *God, Be the Love* VT 43

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship *Based on Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33*

One: “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord!’ because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest.”

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

**Many: Death must come before resurrection.
A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can
become life for many.**

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us:
to lay down our life and follow.**

One: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God’s people and God is our God.

Singing *In a Bulb There is a Flower* VT 670
 Unless a Blade of Wheat VT 302
 Spirit, Open My Heart VT 636

Offering

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy.
Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean,
create in us a new spirit.

**Many: Stay close to us,
restore us to your truth.**

**All: So that we can cry out with joy,
cleansed in your abundant mercy.**

Children’s Time *Let the Children Come to Me* VT 512

Scripture Jeremiah 31:31–34
 John 12:20–33

Message Planted Law, Planted Life

Response Time

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *Longing for Light* VT 715

Benediction



Participants:

Worship Leader	James Powell
Song Leader	Nathan Pauls
Prelude/Offertory	Sheila Graber
Scripture Reading	Sharon Miller
Children's Time	Denise Reesor
Message	Naomi Yoder
Congregational Prayer	Merle Hostetler
Worship Tech	Tony Janzen
	Kaylee Woelk
	Jeremiah Overman
Ushers	Arlen Welty
	Gary Miller
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Planners	Jana Yoder
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The New Covenant

East Goshen Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.