

Let Justice Roll Down

Scripture

Amos 5:24 ([CEB](#))

Focus

Forming ourselves in the ways of justice

Gathering Music

VT 32 God Welcomes All
VT 23 Hamba nathi (Come Walk with Us)
VT 42 Could It Be That God Is Singing
VT 49 All Who Are Thirsty

Call to Worship

“Once Again into Our Doors” by Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

*One: O God of creation,
Who paints the world with wonder,
We summon you to be near
As we walk with a soul full of dreams.
There is an ache alive in our beings
To intertwine our lives
In the life of community,
Where the love is tender,
The work cries for justice,
And the walk is humble.*

**All: Love is nurtured between us,
and the Spirit dwells among us.**

*One: O God of the incarnate,
Who takes simple bread and makes it
holy
We feel you on this ground.
May we learn the history we stand
upon,
The neighbors that surround us,
The needs of this neighborhood,
The soil and seed below our feet.
May we be formed by the roots of this
place,
and may this community bring life
Whose branches spread with beauty.*

**All: Love is nurtured between us,
and the Spirit dwells among us.**

*One: O God of breath,
Who conspires with us even now,
We bring our hearts to the journey.
We bring our hands to the work.
We bring our gratitude for the
witnesses
Who guide us in this ancient work
Of building community.
God, dwell here
In the beautiful and painful
Gift of birthing
Breathe with us and through us.*

**All: Love is nurtured between us,
and the Spirit dwells among us.
Amen.**

Worship in Song

VT 96 Your Love Is Amazing
VT 111 10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord
VT 80 We Sing to You, O God
VT 131 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Invocation Prayer

God of justice, love, and peace,

We invite you into this space today. Help us to be formed in the ways of justice. Help us to cultivate daily practices that make way for peace. May this then move us into the world with hearts full of love.

In our service today, bring us inspiration and hope for a better world. Help us to be your instrument, your witness, your child.

Come, Holy Spirit, great mystery of God. Come and breathe into our words and songs and make us whole.

Amen.

Confession

Adapted from VT Worship Leader Edition 200

Crucified and risen Jesus,
We confess our need of you.
We are sorry for our sin,
For when we've worked against justice
For when we've done violence
For when we've looked away and hardened
our hearts.
We trust that you forgive us,
And we welcome you into our hearts and
our lives.
Help us believe in you and love you every
day.
Help us be formed in the ways of peace and
justice,
And help us show the world how great your
love is.
We commit our lives into your hands.

Words of Assurance

Beloved! We are loved and cherished by the one who came to set us free! God sees our hearts, and our desire to live as servant leaders and lovers of justice. We do not despair in our shortcomings, rather, we desire to learn and grow in the ways of Jesus. We open ourselves to being formed, renewed and restored. We are deeply loved. Amen.

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Children's Time

Singing songs with children about justice forms them to join in making things just and right. Music helps them remember the

message. Begin the lesson by singing **VT 32 God welcomes all** or **VT 777 Seeds**, a couple of times through. Children like the repetition and it will help them remember the song.

Use the message of the song you choose to talk about ways to practice being kind and fair to others. When we practice being kind and fair, we get better and better at it. Just like when we practice piano or practice soccer to get better at it. When we practice being kind and fair every day with our family and with our friends at school, it becomes more normal and natural to be kind and fair with everyone, everywhere. We become more kind as we practice being kind.

End the lesson by singing the song you started with, again singing it a couple of times through.

Sermon

You can access a video sermon from Conference Co-Minister Sharon Yoder at this link: im.mennonite.net/summerfest

Song of Response

VT 791 Let Justice Flow Down
VT 797 We Are People of God's Peace
VT 777 Seeds

Benediction / Sending

Go now, being formed in the ways of God's shalom,
both in our own lives and in such a way that we transform our world.
Amen.

Sending Song

VT 789 Be a Sower
VT 793 Siyahamba
VT 798 Sword into a Plowshare
VT 828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind