



Our vision...

*pursuing God's dreams,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the way of Jesus Christ*



***Thank you to all who helped
in many, many ways to make this
assembly possible!***



We are interested in how you experience Annual Assembly and have asked Betsy Headrick McCrae to be a listening presence. Please see Betsy if you would like to provide feedback about any aspect of this Annual Assembly.



MANY PATHS, HIGHER GROUND

Created by Nathan Zehr

Worship Service

Sunday, August 9, 2009
10:00 AM

First Mennonite Church of Denver

“We Celebrate Together”

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Transition Music

We Gather Together

Opening Songs

I sing the mighty power of God – HWB 46

Je louerai l’Eternel – HWB 76

Singer/Songwriter Medley/Sing-Along

Children’s Presentation from Bible School/Peace Seminar

Call to Worship

Higher Ground Earth Ritual

Passing the Peace

Introduction of Pastoral Leaders

Songs – *This little light of mine*

Siyahamba (We are marching in the light of God)

– back pocket of blue hymnal

Youth Presentation

The Spirit’s Peace

Songs – *O healing river* – HWB 372

Sweet hour of prayer – HWB 11

Confession and Affirmation (from Jeremiah 6:16 NRSV)

One: We walk many paths. We stand at many crossroads.

Left: We look left.

Right: We look right.

One: We look at what paths we have followed and what paths bend ahead.

All: We ask for the ancient paths and seek where the good way lies.

Chime

One: We confess that we stand and look and ask, and yet we stay standing. We stiffen our necks after turning left and right.

We dig in our heels after discovering the paths we have followed and the paths that bend ahead.

Chime

One: We stand at the crossroads, looking and asking, and still we say

All: “We will not walk in it.”

Chime

One: God of grace, release our heels. Soften our necks. May we ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and may we walk in it.

All: And we shall find rest for our souls.

One: And you will find rest for your souls.

Hear These Words

Testimony – Arvada Mennonite Church

Song of Response – *Halle, halle, hallelujah!* – STJ 17

Meeting Nancy Kauffman, denominational minister for our region

Bible Reading

Meditation – Herm Weaver

Signs of Christ’s Way

Toward Higher Ground Ritual of Response: “*How is the Holy Spirit being ‘richly poured’ into my life on this day?*”

Communion and Anointing

Offering

Announcements

Go to Serve and Love

Song – *Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)* – STJ 2

Benediction