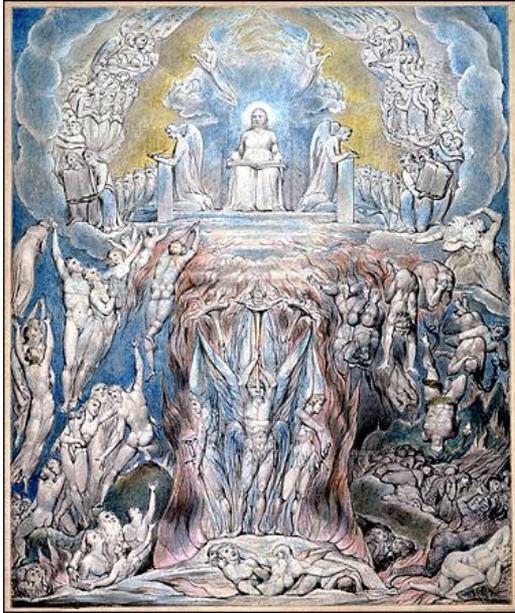


MANHATTAN MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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SEEKING THE PEACE OF THE CITY!

WELCOME *introductions & announcements*

GATHERING² *standing*

O most noble greenness, rooted in the sun,
shining forth in streaming splendor
upon the wheel of the earth;
no earthly sense or being can comprehend you.
You are encircled by the very arms of Divine mysteries.
You are radiant like the red of dawn.
You glow like the incandescence of the sun!

SONG

SHARING PEACE

¹ *A Vision*, William Blake, 1808.

² *O nobilissima viriditas*, Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:14-21

SONG

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:22-28

MESSAGE *Radical Vision*

(one-minute reflection)

OFFERING & SONG

JOYS & CONCERNS

Holy One, hear our prayer.

COMMON PRAYER³ *standing*

Holy One: Your kindom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Nourish us with bread that sustains body and soul. Transform us into a forgiven and forgiving people, a loving and beloved community; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, both personal and systemic. For yours is the kindom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

SENDING SONG

BLESSING⁴

Let us embody the promise of paradise.

On earth as it is in heaven.

Let us bloom with the freshness of flowers and grass, the charms of spices.

Let us go from here embodying the purpose and promise of life: to love God, love others and love ourselves. Amen.

³ *Kindom* is a gender-neutral term for God's reign or beloved community.

⁴ Adapted from selected works by Hildegard of Bingen

Our Rhythm

Here are a few notes from our current rhythm:

- Sunday, 5/26 at 4 PM - **Upside Down Round Table**. We will be reading Denise Uwimana's **FROM RED EARTH**.
 - Saturday, 6/8 - **Annual NYC Mennonite Convention**.
 - **Pentecost Sunday**, June 9 at 5 PM – Guest preacher, **Rev. Melissa Florer-Bixler**, author of *Fire By Night*.
 - Sunday, June 16 at 2:30 PM – Father's Day barbecue at Menno House
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Acts 4:14-21 (NRSV)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Acts 4:22-28 (NRSV)

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

**‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’**