

# Charleswood Mennonite Church

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## WELCOME/INTRO/CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Responsive Reading (HWB 670)

*Our God, we gather to worship you, the one who creates all things.*

***For the gift of creation, we give thanks***

*We gather to worship you, the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ*

***For the gift of redemption, we give thanks***

*We gather to worship you, the One who sustains us by the Spirit*

***For the gift of your presence, we give thanks***

*We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts*

***We worship you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen***

Song

## BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 104:1,5-35

Song: *Babu Yetu*

Genesis 2:15

Reading: *From the Garden*

Genesis 3:23

## LAMENT/CONFESSION:

Litany of Confession (based on HWB 711)

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom

**We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We confess that we have erred, that we have not always tended to God's garden.**

**We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We confess that we have erred,**

**that we have not cared for the land, but taken what we could for ourselves**

**that we have not held the land as sacred**

**that we have blamed others, and not taken the responsibility of our own actions**

**that we have stood silently by, as we watched or participated in unjust practices take place**

**We believe that God is at work in our world, turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day, the tears will be wiped away, the lamb will lie down with the lion and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.

**True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed by Christ.**

**This is our faith, this is our hope.**

Prayer

**AFRICAN CONTEXT/SETTINGS IN THE BIBLE**

Song

Children's Story

Reflection: *Sacred Connections to the Land*

Song

**RESPONSE**

**SENDING**