



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

April 18, 2021 | Shalom-at-Home #56

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*Emily Powell, Worship Leader*

*Melody Mast, Music Leader*

*Barbara Moyer Lehman, Children's Time*

*Brian Bolton, Speaker*

*Carrie Yoder, Zoom Host*

## **GATHERING**

**Centering Bell**

**Land Acknowledgement**

VT 878

**Gathering Song**                    *Let's walk together*

VT 6

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

One: enter our silences.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

One: into the depths of our longing.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

One: unmask our pretending.

enter our trusting,

enter our fearing,

enter our letting go,

enter our holding back.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

One: embrace and free us.

**Hymn**

*Morning has broken*

VT 495

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Children's Time**

**Hymn**

*In the bulb there is a flower*

VT 670

**Scripture**

Acts 6 & 7, give or take

**Sermon**

Bird's eye view

## **RESPONDING**

**Song**

*Days of War*

**Silence**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering**

*Like a mother who has borne us*

VT 518

## **SENDING**

**Introductions & Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Break-Out Groups – an optional opportunity to talk for a few minutes with others gathered on the following prompts.**

- 1) Tell us your name(s) and where you are
- 2) What has been one good thing and one challenging thing about this experience in the past week?
- 3) Closing thought, prayers or pass the peace.

**Announcements**

Covid-19 and Shalom

Administrative Council met this past Thursday night, and its discussions included [this Guidance for Gathering in Covid document](#) which was first sent out in the April 1 Newsletter. We are still in "Phase 1," yet we know the improved weather and increasing vaccination numbers are generating more questions about what kinds of gatherings we can safely and reasonably plan. We will stay in touch as our planning evolves.

Meanwhile, with the now-visible rise of Covid cases and a developing "4th wave" in the U.S., we are most likely seeing the horizon for moving toward another phase of in-person gatherings stretch further into the future. We pray for safety for you, and patience and endurance for us all as we continue to work toward the time when we can gather safely.

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**Upcoming Birthdays:**

Miranda Schirch Goldberg – April 18

Tom Benevento – April 25

Earl Martin – April 28

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## Budget Report | April 11, 2021

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$6,630.05	Weekly Offering	\$4,359.64
April	\$7,853.09	Avg. Monthly	\$18,891.79
YTD	\$59,206.50	YTD	\$65,394.66

*Regular offering, as well as donations to other funds can all be made online at <https://shalommc.breezechms.com/give/online> as well as mailed into EMU, Campus Box 8, Harrisonburg, VA, 22802*

*Visitors: Welcome to Shalom-at-Home! If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on pastoral team, please send your name and email to [office@shalommc.org](mailto:office@shalommc.org).*

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Shalom Mennonite Congregation is a welcoming and inclusive community rooted in Jesus' radical call to love, justice, and peace.

We seek to grow our welcome and inclusion as we deepen our spirituality, build meaningful relationships, work for peace and social justice, and cultivate diverse community connections.

Visit our website at [shalommc.org/vision](http://shalommc.org/vision) to find out more about who we are, what we do, and what we strive for. You can also read there about our commitment statements regarding inclusion of people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Please contact any member of the Safe Congregation Team if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation: Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

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# Let's Walk Together

WELCOME 8.6.8.6.7.7 with refrain

E A/E B A

1 Let's walk to- geth - er for a while, and ask where  
 2 Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when we will  
 3 Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E

we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,  
 share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve  
 heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D

and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of  
 the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the  
 the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B<sup>sus</sup> B

heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,  
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,  
 danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,



GATHERING: Welcome

Refrain

Chords: B/D# E A B

sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -

Chords: B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Chords: Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

Chords: F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

Chords: F#m A E (c) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(c) Last time

# 495 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

C Dm/F G F C

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light, mine is the morn - ing, born of the

C/E F C G7 C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play. Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

Am D C Em Am Dm/F G C

morn - ing, praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word.  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.





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G/D D7 G A7 D7 G

goin' to see the King! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

A7 D7 G A7 D7 G A7 D7 G

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system starts with a '4' above the first measure, indicating a four-measure phrase. Chords G/D, D7, G, A7, D7, and G are written above the treble staff. The lyrics are 'goin' to see the King! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -'. The second system continues with chords A7, D7, G, A7, D7, G, A7, D7, G. The lyrics are 'lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!'.

## In the Bulb There Is a Flower 670

PROMISE 8.7.8.7 D

F C7

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy.  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C F

in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
There's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

Bb F/A Gm Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

Bb F Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

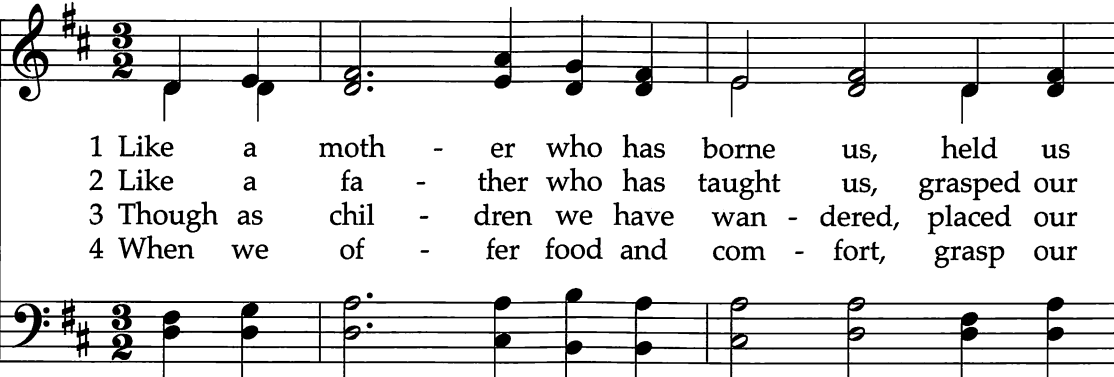
Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'In the Bulb There Is a Flower'. It is in 3/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score is divided into four systems. The first system has chords F and C7. The second system has chords C and F. The third system has chords Bb, F/A, Gm, and Dm. The fourth system has chords Bb, F, Gm, C7, and F. The lyrics are: '1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree; 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy. 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! There's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.'



## Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us 518


AUSTIN 8.7.8.7

D G A D




1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

A D A Bm G Em



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in pow'r and might, left be - hind our friends and  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and

Bm A G D A D



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 fam' - ly, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

