

James Street Mennonite Church
God's Shalom for Our Common Home
Sept. 6, 2026

Prelude: Your Labor is Not In Vain	Todd and Anne Weaver
Opening Song: The River is Here	
Welcome!	Emily Smucker-Beidler
Introduction to Theme	

Focusing our Thoughts Through Song

Songs:

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| ● Let Justice Roll Like a River | STS 33 |
| ● Water Has Held Us | STJ 82 |

Learning Together

Children's Time	Pastor Scott Rampy
Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-2, Matthew 7:7-12	Marsha DiBonventuro
Confession and Assurance	
Sermon:	Pastor Carmen Horst Okanya
● The Lord's My Shepherd	VT 660

Reflecting and Responding

Prayers of the People	Emily
Moment In Mission: The Shalom Project	Alysha Argot
Offering	
Announcements	

Sending Song: Like a River Glorious
Benediction

Music Team: Anne and Todd Weaver, Drea Mast, Maya Johnsen Martin, Keri Weaver
Worship Arts: Katie Joy

*The earth is our common home, with an abundance that can support all life.
Are we ready to embrace this abundant vision of God's shalom
and all that it might ask of us?*

WEEK 1 Coming to the water

This week, take time to visit your local water source. Walk by a river, paddle out on a lake, cycle on the bank of a canal, go tubing in a creek, or walk out to your well.

As you do, consider where the water has come from, where it is going, and how it serves the local landscape, animals, and people.

While Lancaster Conservancy's Water Week has passed, visit their website for ideas of how to both experience and care for the water sources in our area.

<https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/water-week/>

Give thanks to God for the life-sustaining gift of this water and for God's abundant provision in the life of our community.