

Saturday Offering
Church of the Brethren: Global Missions
and Brethren Volunteer Service

The Office of Global Mission seeks to integrate faith and service, challenge and equip Brethren to respond to human need, and grow the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The office works on the development of a global Church of the Brethren consisting of autonomous groups that witness to their broader communities while mutually encouraging one another as branches from the denomination vine. Priorities are to support theological training for pastors, the building of churches, in-person gathering with our global Church of the Brethren communion, and support to disciple church leadership with integrity. In the face of natural disasters, violence, and antagonism towards the church, the Church of the Brethren is growing around the world sharing the gospel, serving the poor, and speaking peace in the face of a violent world.

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) is rooted in the 1948 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, where a group of young people offered an unorthodox proposal: to create a volunteer service program for young adults. For many years, Church of the Brethren members had been volunteering through places like work camps and the New Windsor Service Center or chose alternative service through Civilian Public Service. This culture of becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in the world inspired the formation of BVS, which 75 years later, still embodies its original purpose of promoting peace, serving human need, and advocating justice. Over seven thousand volunteers have participated in BVS and it continues to be a way for those called into service to share God's love, fully embracing the Church of the Brethren's vision statement to "develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovate, adaptable, and fearless."

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Viviendo el amor de Dios
Viv Lanmou Bondye A
Rayuwan Kaunar Allah
Living God's Love

Ephesians 5:1-2
Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hausa, English

Saturday Morning, July 8

Loving the Least in
the Family of God

Preacher

Audri Svay

"Bridging the Divide"



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2023
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Gathering Music

Prelude *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Stuart Townend

*Welcome

English leader: We come to worship.
 Spanish leader: Venimos adorar al Señor
 Hausa leader: We come to worship (in Hausa)
 Creole leader: We come to worship (in Creole)

All: We come to worship.

English leader: We are living God's love.

All: We are living God's love.

Spanish: Estamos viviendo el amor de Dios

All: Estamos viviendo el amor de Dios

Hausa: Rayuwan kaunar Allah!

All: Rayuwan kaunar Allah!

Creole: Viv lanmou Bondye a!

All: Viv lanmou Bondye a!

***Hymn** *As We Gather at Your Table* #1

Offering

Offertory *Prelude, Sarabande, and Gigue from Cello Suite no. 2*

***Hymn** *We Give Thee But Thine Own Verses 1, 4* #30

Prayers

Call to Prayer
 Prayer song *Shepherd me, O God (refrain, 2x)* #27
 Prayers

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Bridging the Divide

Interlude *Meditation on When Peace Like A River* Phillip Bliss
 arranged by Kyle Remnant

Communion

Welcome and Explanation
 Confession —*Menno Simons, adapted*

Holy Jesus,
blind I am, do thou enlighten me;
naked I am, clothe me;
wounded, heal me;
dead, give me life.
I know of no light,
no physician, no life,
except thee. Amen

Invitation to communion & Blessing of Bread and Cup

Communion

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** *Beyond a Dying Sun* #3

Service of Consecration of Leadership

Postlude *Beyond a Dying Sun* Steve Engle

**Please stand as you are able*

Worship Leadership

Our thanks to all who helped to prepare and lead this evening's worship service, including:

PreacherAudri Svay
 Worship leaderDavid R. Miller
 Scripture readerDon Mitchell
 Music coordinatorKyle Remnant
 Adult choir directorMarty Keeney
 PianistBecca Miller
 Worship centerMichael Weibel
 Technical assistanceZach Erbaugh and Brian Yoder