

**Wednesday Offering
Church of the Brethren:**

Discipleship and Leadership Formation

The Office of Discipleship and Leadership Formation represents a restructuring that combines the staff of Discipleship Ministries and Office of Ministry into a new department to foster the development and support of pastors, youth and young adults, and congregations. Staff will focus on creating events, resources, and ministries that strive to meet the needs of our congregations and leaders. Bringing these two areas together strengthens the denomination's resolve and commitment to "develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless." It provides the intentionality we have been seeking to aid us in "passionately living and sharing the radical transformation "of Jesus Christ through church planting, renewal and revitalization, and a shared understanding of working together to live out the great commission of growing disciples, developing and calling leaders with the intention of transforming communities through Jesus Christ.

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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

Wednesday Evening, July 5

**Bearing the Fruit
of God's Love**

Preacher

Sheila Wise Rowe

"The Vine, the Branches and the Fruit"



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2023
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Gathering Music

Welcome

English leader: We come to worship.
 Creole leader: We come to worship (in Creole)
 English leader: We are living God's love.
All: We are living God's love.
 Creole leader: Viv lanmou
All: Viv lanmou
 Creole leader: Bondye a
All: Bondye a
 Creole leader: Viv lanmou Bondye a!
All: Viv lanmou Bondye a!

Prelude *Thine is the Glory* G.F. Handel arr. James Koerts

***Call to Worship** *Inspired by Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:30-31*
 Leader: We Hear the voice of God calling.
All: Love your neighbor as yourself.
 Leader: We feel the spirit moving among us, moving us to acts
 of compassion and justice.
All: We know the love of Jesus.
 Leader: We love because Christ first loved us. Come, worship
 God together.
All: Come, let us serve who calls us by name.

*Invocation

Song *There Is More Love Somewhere* #24

Offering

Video provided by Discipleship Ministries and Leadership Formation
 Prayer For Discipleship Ministries

Adult Choir *Order My Steps* Glenn Burleigh/arr Jack Schrader

Scripture Reading Mark 12:28-34 and John 15: 9-17

Sermon The Vine, the Branches and the Fruit

Song *Love Can Change the World* #18

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Love Can Change the World* Aaron Niequist

**Please stand as you are able*

Worship Leadership

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

PreacherSheila Wise Rowe
 Worship leadersMichaela Alphonse and Don Mitchell
 Music coordinatorKyle Remnant
 Adult choir directorMarty Keeney
 PianistBecca Miller
 Worship centerMichael Weibel
 Technical assistanceZach Erbaugh and Brian Yoder