



## Sunnyside Mennonite Church

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### Vision

To be an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness for Jesus, blessing our local and global communities.

### Mission

We are a caring community of Jesus' followers, sharing God's love, mercy, and justice.

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## Statement of Welcome

At Sunnyside Mennonite Church we acknowledge a diversity of perspectives, practices, and biblical understandings. We recognize that we do not all agree, but in love we extend grace to each other.

We recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all people. Each one of us is made in the image of God, loved by God, and given gifts by God to serve the church and the world.

We welcome all races, ethnicities, physical and intellectual abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, marital statuses, ages, education levels, and financial and immigration statuses into full participation in all aspects of church life. This participation includes membership, baptism, marriage, and lay and pastoral leadership.

We invite all people to join our community as we follow Jesus together.

*This document grew out of a long process of listening to one another as we considered the call of God on our lives and what it means to follow Jesus together. Sunnyside Mennonite Church is a member of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA.*

# Sunnyside Mennonite Church: Who We Are



***By the power of the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus...***

## **in belonging**

We seek to practice acceptance and affirmation of each person and their gifts. Our differences allow God to work in new ways.

## **in celebration**

As an intergenerational community, we celebrate the good news of God's movement in and around us. We joyfully journey with one another as we grow.

## **in service**

We are a hands-on community that participates in God's work in the world, caring for one another as each person has need, within the congregation and beyond.

## **in shalom**

Shalom encompasses justice and peace. We begin with our own relationships, repairing harm and making the way for right relating. We also move outward, seeking wholeness with creation, our neighbors, and our world.

***We are called to grow...***

## **in diversity**

As we practice belonging, we work to come assumptions and other barriers to community. We seek to better appreciate our differences so that Sunnyside can truly be a place where diverse people belong.

## **in the Spirit**

We seek to grow in awareness of the Holy Spirit and share how we see the Spirit moving for the purpose of more closely following Jesus together.

