



# Parables of the Kingdom

February 12, 2023

First Mennonite Church    Hutchinson KS

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## **GATHERING, PRAISING, PRAYING**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**CALL TO WORSHIP** - based on Psalm 87:1-5

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**MY SOUL LONGS, INDEED IT FAINTS,**

**FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD;**

**MY HEART AND MY FLESH**

**SING FOR JOY TO THE LIVING GOD.**

Even the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE,**

**EVER SINGING YOUR PRAISE.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

MY SOUL LONGS, INDEED IT FAINTS,  
FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD;  
MY HEART AND MY FLESH  
SING FOR JOY TO THE LIVING GOD.

HYMN *Come, We That Love* VT 31  
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Peace Essay: *Readings from FMC Senior Youth Peace*  
Essays through the years: Amber Krehbiel 2016

PRAYER (adapted from VT 984):

*This day, God, may we dream your dreams;  
This day, God, may we reflect your love;  
This day, God, may we do your work;  
This day, God, may we taste your peace. AMEN*

## LISTENING

HYMN *What is the World Like* VT 298  
Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Matthew 13:24-43*  
Sermon

## RESPONDING

Music for Meditation

Generosity Moment – Et Cetera  
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

## SENDING

HYMN *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* VT 840

Benediction

Postlude ... *remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing.*

*\*photo on front of bulletin by Lars Schneider on [Unsplash](#)*

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***Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at  
the back of the sanctuary.***

*You can also now donate electronically on our website.*

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Sound: Adam Pounds  
Livestream: Joel Iwashige  
Nursery Attendants: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Worship Leader: Calvin Buller  
Scripture Reader: Jennalee Boggs

# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

**Fellowship time follows worship, with drinks served  
in the Common Grounds Room just off the foyer.**

**Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am.**

## COMING UP...

**TODAY Feb 12** – PICK UP your Super Bowl Subs!

**Mon Feb 13** – Craft Night @ FMC, meet in Library 6:30-8:00pm.

**Tues Feb 14** – LPC (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) Group @ Noon

**Fri Feb 17** – Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) meets.

**Sat Feb 18** – Singing Group (5:30 potluck, 6:30 singing) @ Wenger's.

Everyone invited, whether you consider yourself a singer or not.

**Sun Feb 19** – Worshipful Work: Appreciative Inquiry Pastor-Congregation

Review process (gather in sanctuary, in person & livestream, at 9:30 as usual, no Sunday School to allow time for the process)

**Wed Feb 22** – Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30pm with Community

Church of the Brethren (in person & livestream)

**Sun Feb 26** – First Sunday of Lent

**Mon-Wed Mar 6-8** – MCC Comforter Blitz, Journey @ Yoder

**If you would like to receive your 2022 giving report from FMC**, please request one directly from Mike Dirks at 620-474-1224 or [mikedirks@earthlink.net](mailto:mikedirks@earthlink.net).

**Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC)** members are Jolene Yoder, Peggy Stucky and Kevin Martin Nisly. They meet quarterly with both pastors, tending to the relationships between congregation and pastor(s). If you have items of support or feedback, please contact a committee member.

**Mennonite Central Committee response.** A 7.8 magnitude earthquake and a 7.5 magnitude earthquake have hit Syria and Türkiye causing widespread damage and loss of life. [MCC is accepting donations for a response.](#) Donate online at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) or send a check by mail to

MCC PO BOX 500 Akron PA 17501-0500

*Please keep the people of Syria and Türkiye in your prayers.*



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