



# PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

First Mennonite Church     Hutchinson KS

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## OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Gathering Singing *Joys Are Flowing Like a River* VT 375

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER (inspired by Acts 2:1-4)

One: When Pentecost Day arrived,  
they were all together in one place.  
Suddenly a sound from heaven  
like the howling of a fierce wind  
filled the entire house where they were sitting.  
They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire  
alighting on each one of them.

**ALL: THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY  
SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER LANGUAGES  
AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM TO SPEAK.** (Common English Bible)

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**ALL: COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!**

One: Holy Spirit,  
making life alive, moving in all things,  
root of all being,  
cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,  
effacing guilt, anointing wounds.  
You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,  
you waken and re-awaken everything that is.  
(Hildegard of Bingen)

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**ALL: COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!**

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Come With Power* VT 57

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for the Peace of Christ  
*A Prayer for Pentecost (2006)\*\**

HYMN *Spirit Open My Heart* VT 636

## **LISTENING TO GOD'S STORY**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Romans 8:14-39*

Sermon

HYMN *Through Our Fragmentary Prayers* VT 677

## **SHARING OUR STORIES**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

## **SENDING**

HYMN *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

Benediction

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

*Coffee, tea and juice will be served in the Common Grounds room today. Sunday School classes meet as usual at 11:00am.*

\* written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits

\*\* From the Reformed Church in America

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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: Murray Reimer  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Nursery Attendants:  
Ushers: Susan Combs  
Pianist: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger  
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger  
Worship Leader: Carol Moore  
Scripture Readers: Don Wiens, Carol Moore  
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering  
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!



**Deepening**



**Strengthening**



**Stretching**



**Faithfully  
Stewarding**

**TODAY: Adult Discussion Class** in the fellowship hall (or on Zoom) will finish Video #3 “CREATE: *How do we imagine and bring about alternative systems?*” in the “Beyond Incarceration” webinar series. All are welcome. ***Today also marks the end of the spring Sunday School Quarter.***

## **NEXT SUNDAY, June 4 Congregational Meeting & Potluck**

### **Summer 2023 Sunday School Schedule**

Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet:

*June 11 and 25*

*July 16 and 23*

*August 6 and 20*

Adult Classes (except the “Younger Adults” class) will take a break for the summer. Fellowship Time following the worship service will continue. Enjoy this time to offer greetings, share stories, and nurture the connections that bind us together in the family of God.

**July 7-10 – FMC Hosting the annual meeting of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery.** On Sunday morning (July 9) we’ll worship with our guests (at 9:30am) and share a potluck lunch beginning at 11:00am. Michaela Esau has been working with the Coalition and will be sharing about her Mennonite Voluntary Service experience during lunch (from 11:30-12:30). Stay tuned for a few more opportunities to volunteer that weekend to help provide hospitality.

### **FMC is COLLECTING PRISONER CARE KITS for men in HUTCHINSON CORRECTIONAL**

**FACILITY:** MCC is partnering with OVM to distribute prisoner care kits to indigent men at Hutchinson (KS) Correctional Facility. The greatest needs are deodorant, lotion, and toothpaste. A complete list is posted on the basket under the table in the foyer – please place your donations there.



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