



SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

Peace With Others:

Abigail and David

**Peacemakers act creatively
to prevent violence**

July 30, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

The chime is rung as a call to worship, to set aside distractions to find rest in God, who invites us here.

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 12:14-21)

One: As followers of Jesus, we are called

Many: to bless those who persecute us;

One: to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn;

Many: to live in harmony with others and not be arrogant.

One: As disciples of the Prince of Peace, we are called

Many: to not repay anyone evil for evil;

One: to, as far as possible, live peaceably with all;

Many: to feed our enemies when they are hungry and offer a drink when they are thirsty.

One: Ours is a hard and holy calling, friends. And so we gather.

Many: We gather for prayer and study.

One: We gather for singing and silence

Many: We gather for encouragement and support.

ALL: WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP.

Prayer

HYMN *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* VT 34

Scripture Reading *1 Samuel 25:1-35*

Children's Time

HYMN *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT 719

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Renew Your Church* VT 717

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing for the week*

Summer Worship Series – *Seeking Peace Together*: written by Joanna Harader from Peace Mennonite in Lawrence, KS (a sister church in Western District Conference). Published by MennoMedia.

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

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.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Nursery Attendant: Fred & Mary Wade
Ushers: Don Wiens & Russell Goering
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Anita Kehr
Children's Time: Hilda Iwashige
Scripture Reader: Mary Wade
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

Today - Fellowship time in the Common Grounds room following the worship service. Take time to greet each other!

Prisoner Care Kits project will continue through August 6. Clothing items are needed to complete the kits. Check size details in the foyer.

"Thank You" pancake breakfast hosted by Magdalena Wenger and family will be served Sunday, August 13, 8-9:15am, in appreciation for the congregation's support of her college education and her upcoming MVS term. Watch for details in your email.

Missing Checks given in memory of Frank Blodgett. If you made a memorial contribution by check that has not cleared your checking account, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

Anabaptist World subscriptions (\$39/year) are available with FMC's group plan. Submit the form (on the table in the foyer) by August 22.

LightHouse is inviting donations of laundry soap (pods), games and puzzles, small kitchen appliances, and art/craft supplies in addition to shelf-stable food pantry items. Place your donations in the basket.

Colorado Peaches may be ordered through the MCC office in Newton. The yellow half-sheet on the table in the foyer has details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

August 13 – Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks

August 27 – Celebration of Communion in Worship

October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting

December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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