



SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

Peace With Creation:

Celebrating the Harvest

**Peacemakers share the bounty
of the earth**

August 20, 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

One: Let anyone who is thirsty come!

Many: We come to receive the living water.

One: Let anyone who is hungry come!

Many: There is enough food for all.

One: Let anyone who is tired come!

Many: God calls us to a time of holy rest.

One: Let anyone who is grateful come

Many: and join this celebration!

One: Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,

All: we come together now in worship.

Prayer

HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People* VT 123
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182
Scripture Reading *Leviticus 23:33-43*
Deuteronomy 16:13-15

Children's Time

Meditation

Celebration of Communion (*see insert*)

HYMN *Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* VT 485
Communion Preparation
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Invitation to the Table
Prayer After Communion

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Rain Down* VT 703
Benediction
Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

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: Jay Gehring
Nursery Attendant: Joel & Hilda Iwashige
Ushers: Russ Wedel & Diane Ziemer
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader, Drums: Stephanie Gehring
Children's Time: Adam and Maggie Pounds
Music during Communion: Adam Pounds
Scripture Reader: Julie Goering
Meditation, Communion: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger
Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Jennalee Boggs, Carol Moore, Pauline Buller, Stephanie Gehring (CMT members)

TODAY: Fellowship time following worship. Sunday School for preschool-grade 6 and Youth begins at 11:00am.

MCC School Kits – place your donations of school supplies into the blue bin in the foyer. Deadline is September 3, when we will pack kits after Worship (*plan to stay and help!*). Monetary gifts are also appreciated – designated for MCC school kits. If you can sew bags, pick up fabric (already cut to size) and instructions in the foyer. Draw string will be provided on Sept 3.

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.

Anabaptist World subscription (\$39/year) orders due by August 22.

Lorene's Birthday Party! You are invited to celebrate a milestone birthday! Lorene Graber, our dear mother, is turning 90. Her party will be at the church **Saturday, August 26, 2:00pm – 4:00pm**. Your presence will be the best present, and you are welcome to bring cards. – *Susan Graber, Charisse Sprunger, and Charles Graber*

Women & Girls Retreat @ Camp Mennoscah – September 9 & 10. Registration forms in the foyer.

CROP Walk – October 1. Checks payable to CWS/CROP.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

October 29 – FMC's Budget Meeting

December 3 – FMC'S Annual Meeting



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