



SEEKING PEACE TOGETHER

**Peace With Creation:
Rejoicing With Creation
Peacemakers celebrate the
beauty of the earth.**

August 27, 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 us seek God, who can be found.

Many: Let us call upon God, who is near.

One: As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

Many: let us receive the word of God offered in this place.

One: Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

Many: For if we are silent, the stones would shout out.

One: Let us burst into song with the mountains

Many: and clap our hands with the trees.

All: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER WITH JOY.

Prayer

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* VT 81

*verses 1-4 and 7

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 55:6-13*

Children's Time

HYMN *Like a Rock* VT 63

Meditation & Prayer Practice: *Holy Observation*

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VT 847

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: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Nursery Attendant: Diane Ziemer
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leaders: Maggie Pounds, Anita Kehr
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Scripture Reader: Bryan or Anita Kehr
Meditation: written by Joanna Harader
Prayer Practice: Maggie Pounds
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr

TODAY: Fellowship time following worship. You are invited to get your drink in the Common Grounds room and then join others outside by the columbarium to further rejoice in God's creation!!

MCC School Kits – place your donations of school supplies and sewn bags (thank you!!) 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.

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.

Guess Who's Coming to the Yard . . a small group gathering of FMC folks just to get to know each other better. Sign up for either September 17 or 24, (at 6:15) and choose whether you want to be a host or a guest. Signup sheet on the table in the foyer.

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

Sunday School classes for all ages begin on September 10. Read our on-line THIS WEEK post for information about the options. Please join us!

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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