

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



WEEK 6: HOPE

We hope and act, trusting God to work in unseen, marvelous ways.

October 20, 2024

CREATING GOD, GATHER US IN...

...the chime is an invitation to lean, in trust, into God's presence.

Prelude

Opening Words (by Frederick Buechner, from [A Room Called Remember](#))

Call to Worship*

Leader: The land holds us.

All: Sky breathes in us.

Trees stand around us like ancestors.

Birds sing to us like friends.

Rivers flow with tears of joy.

Living beings feed us and walk with us.

In the end the earth receives us.

**All Creation is God's love poured out;
we receive it with joy, care for it with gratitude,
and in unity with all Creation we worship God.
Alleluia!**

Welcome!

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

HYMN *My Life Flows On* VT 605

Praying for Peace with Creation –
Confession (by Alissa Bender)

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 126; Mark 4:26-32*

HYMN *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

Meditation

Prayers of Lament & Hope

HYMN *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

WE SHARE OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People (with *The Lord's Prayer*)

Announcements

WE LEAVE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S STORY

HYMN *You Shall Go Out With Joy* VT 847

Benediction

Postlude

*Call to Worship: Steve Garnaas-Holmes @ unfoldinglight.org

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Nursery: Cindy Kroeker
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Prayers of Lament & Hope set-up and help: Dohn & Jeanette Fast; Mary Wade
Worship Leader: Adrienne Derstine
Song Leader: Jon Miller

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

*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!*

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room
- **Sunday School** @ 11:00am for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Oct 23:** WNAF (Wed Nights @ First) – fundraiser Verenika Meal
- **Oct 27:** FMC Budget Meeting, 10:55am-12:15pm
- **Oct 27:** Blessing of the Pets 4:00pm @ FMC (outside)
- **Oct 31:** Donuts on the Lawn (beginning 4:00pm)
- **Nov 9:** Faith & Life Bookstore Pop-Up Shop @ FMC 10am-2pm
- **Nov 10:** Mike Lamb – stewardship presentation @ 11:00am
- **Nov 13:** We'll Leave Our Lights On: drop-off @ FMC for Food Bank
 - 5:00-7:00pm – non-perishable soup, canned goods, pasta
- **Nov 17:** Mission Festival – Robert Yutzy, speaker (potluck lunch)
- **Dec 8:** FMC Annual Meeting, following Sr. Youth Fundraiser Meal

REMINDERS:

FALL WNAF (WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST)

Dinner served 6:00-7:00pm – this week Verenika & Sausage fundraiser meal to support FMC's serving at the Soup Kitchen. The adult and children's programming are from 7:00-8:00pm. This week's presenters are Adrienne Derstine and Adam Butler sharing about their MCC work in Burundi.

FMC BUDGET MEETING: October 27 @ 10:55am-12:15pm.

Come learn about the workings of FMC, particularly as it relates to how our contributions fund the programs we value, our building maintenance and our reach to help folks in our community and beyond. Agenda includes proposed budget for the next fiscal year (November 1, 2024-October 31, 2025), building improvements, and conversation about our columbarium. Drinks and snacks will be served. Activities offered for pre-school through 7th grade during the meeting.



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