



The Power of God: From Extractive Theology to Transformative Faith

(a Creation Justice Ministries resource)

April 27, 2025 Earth Day
First Mennonite Church

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Rt: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Left: **Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Rt: Know that the Lord is God.

Left: **It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Rt: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Left: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**ALL: *For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *This is God's Wondrous World* VT 180

Children's Time

CONFESSING...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we thirst for power
And not for righteousness.

Loving God, renew us.

We are quick to show our dominance
But hide our dependence.

Loving God, renew us.

We take what we want
Without thought of what we should give back.

Loving God, renew us.

We see your creation as resources
Not members of our community.

Loving God, renew us.

We remove mountaintops and clear-cut forests.

Loving God, renew us.

We drill for oil in land that should be protected.

Loving God, renew us.

We drain the earth to fuel our lifestyles.

**Loving God, renew us. Transform our hearts
and minds so that we might transform the
world that we live in. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who creates in love has the power to
heal, restore, renew and resurrect. In the name of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Worship Music from the Sunny-Side Singers

Scripture Reading: *1 Samuel 8:10-17; Mark 5:21-34*
Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

Baby Dedication of Eva Pounds
Congregational Response

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *The Peace of the Earth Be With You* VT 838

Benediction

Postlude

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.

Sound: Jasper Nisly
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Nursery: Joy & Sky Miller
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader: Shane Miller
Worship Leader: Anita Kehr
Children's Time: Peggy & Gardell Stucky
Scripture: Joel Iwashige & Shane Miller
Sermon: Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship with drinks in Common Grounds Room

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am

M&Ms gathering noon-1:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **May 4** – Receiving new members & thanking Sunday School teachers. Plus ... fundraiser lunch at noon for FMC's Camp Mennoscah weekend on June 21-22
- **May 10** – Graduation party for Ryker Wiens from 11:00am-1pm at the church – everyone is invited!
- **May 11** – Sunday morning worship – Anabaptist Hymn Sing led by Calvin Buller
- **May 14** – 12:30pm gathering of all interested in a summer book study. Bring a snack for a light lunch and your book suggestions.
- **May 18** – Recognition of our graduates during worship.
- **June 21-22** – FMC weekend at Camp Mennoscah

Two separate opportunities related to CAMP MENNOSCAH

1. The first is the fundraiser lunch on May 4 to help cover costs of FMC's weekend at camp. Food is provided. Come enjoy Sunday lunch and make a contribution to our weekend in God's beautiful creation.
2. Camp Mennoscah is in need of a pool vacuum. The vacuum is an intricate part of the pool process of keeping it clean and running properly. We are looking for a commercial vacuum priced around \$2000-\$2500. The pool is a big lifeline for campers and others coming to Mennoscah. Please make ***donations to First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson with Camp Pool Vacuum on the memo line***. Thank you for giving to Camp Mennoscah!



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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