

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship – *a poem written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes* Someone is seeking.

Walk alongside them.

Someone is wondering.

How can they learn unless you wonder with them?

The sheep led to slaughter, who is that?

Look around you. They suffer every day.

Someone is eager to understand.

Be prepared to say what you know.

Someone is making their way through the wilderness.

Here is everything you need.

What is to prevent you from bathing them

in the infinite, flowing grace of God?

Those you touch may not return the favor.

Whatever tasks are completed

there is always more rejoicing to do.

You will find yourself swept away to new places.

Let the Spirit take you, full of joy and good news.

HYMN Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing VT 555

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you!

HYMN God, Be the Love VT 43

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-39

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Recognition & Blessing of Graduates

Leader: Today we honor you who are graduating, for you are on a sacred journey.

All: Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart.

We celebrate the effort you have given to accomplish this.

And we ask God's blessing for the journey yet to come.

May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline.

May God give you courage to explore new things.

May the Spirit work in you that in all you do you may serve God.

May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and to walk humbly with God.

May you know always that Christ goes with you.

We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.

By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers.

Our spirits will go with you. For we too are pilgrims, always learning, always by the grace of God beginning anew. Go in peace, and serve God with joy. Amen.

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Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN You Shall Go Out With Joy VT 847 Benediction Postlude

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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: Earl Ediger, Allen Yoder
Livestream: Jonathan
Ushers: Diane Ziemer, Shane Miller
Nursery: Susan Combs
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Jake Myers
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Scripture: Cheryl Warkentin
Children's Time: Jane Wagler
Sermon: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the

offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship with drinks *and treats* in Common Grounds Room **Sunday School** for all ages at 11:00am

LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 22-31 Pastor Tonya vacation
- June 1 brief congregational meeting directly after worship
- June 2 Murray Reimer's Memorial Service at 2:00pm
- June 8 Pentecost + new member Sunday; 6:30pm ice cream social
- June 14 & 28 Summer Sunday School (children/jr youth)

<u>June 1 Congregational Meeting</u>: information was sent via email at the end of this week. Hard copies are available in the foyer.

<u>June 2 – Murray Reimer Memorial Service</u> at 2:00pm. Cookie donations (*talk to Hilda Iwashige*) and volunteers for ushers (*talk to Pastor Tonya*) are needed.

M&M's Host Ice Cream Social for FMC on June 8 @ 6:30pm

The Mentor & Mentee group at FMC will be hosting an ice cream social for the congregation on Sunday evening, June 8 at 6:30pm. Join us for some sweet fellowship and make a donation of any size for the M&M program.

GIVING opportunities related to CAMP MENNOSCAH

Help cover costs of FMC's weekend at camp! And/or make a contribution toward the purchase of a new pool vacuum for Camp Mennoscah. Contribute online or in the offering box, designating where your gift is intended to go. *Thank you!!*

FMC Weekend at Camp Mennoscah – June 21-22, 2025

Saturday evening (June 21) will include a shared potluck dinner and opportunity for swimming in the pool (exact times TBD), along with fellowship, games, walking, playing in the river, etc. Those who would like to can stay overnight in the cabins (no electricity, bathhouses close by, bring your own bedding, etc.). Those staying overnight will coordinate breakfast together. **Worship on Sunday morning June 22** will be at Camp at 10:00am, followed by swimming and lunch. Bring fruit or dessert, or sign up with Hilda or Joretta to bring a topping for taco salad.

Pastor Tonya's Sabbatical Schedule:

June 9-30: includes time at home, the final Transforming Community retreat, and travel to visit friends and family. **July 28-Aug 3:** retreat for clergy women in Indianapolis



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