



June 29, 2025  
***Prayers of Lament & Hope with  
Communion***  
First Mennonite Church

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**GATHERING & PRAISING**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Adapted from VT 948)

**Leader: God of mystery and wonder,  
at this and every gathering**

All: You dissolve the distance between the ordinary and the  
holy;

**Leader: You break the barrier separating the common and  
the sacred.**

All: We thank you for this thin place,  
this holy space,  
this well of grace.  
Amen.

**HYMN** *Jesus Christ is Waiting* VT 287

**Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting**  
*Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!*

**HYMN** *Strangers No More* VT 409

## **HEARING GOD’S STORY**

**Children’s Time**

**Scripture Reading:** James 3:13-18

**Meditation**

**Praying & Sharing Communion ... *with Music for Meditation***

**HYMN** *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

## **SHARING OUR STORIES**

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

## **LIVING GOD’S STORY**

**HYMN** *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644

**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.

Worship Leaders: Adrienne Derstine  
Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Russell Goering  
Nursery: Cindy Kroeker Pianist: Peggy Stucky  
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger  
Scripture: Calvin Nisly  
Children's Time: Heidi Unruh  
Sermon: Jim Unruh  
Communion Preparation: Dohn & Jeanette Fast  
Communion Servers: Jim Unruh,  
Maggie Goering, Heidi Unruh  
Russell Goering, Adrienne Derstine  
Cheryl Warkentin, Julie Goering

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### **TODAY:**

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

**Fellowship time** with drinks following worship in Common Grounds room

**Sunday School** for all ages beginning at 11:00am. Children meet in the room near the ping pong table downstairs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 1-6** – Pastor Tonya back
- **July 7-12** – **MennoCon25** in Greensboro NC (delegates are Pastor Tonya and Magdalena Wenger)
- **July 13 & 27** - *Summer Sunday School for all ages*
- **July 13** – **MarimBell** concert @ 3:00pm
- **July 14** – **Craft Night @ 6:30pm**
- **August 10 & 24** - *Summer Sunday School (children/jr youth)*

### Pastor Tonya's Sabbatical Schedule (final 4 weeks):

**June 9-30:** Includes some time at home, the final Transforming Community retreat June 15-17, and travel to visit friends and family.

**July 28-Aug 3:** attending a retreat for clergy women in Indianapolis + more travel to visit friends.

**August 8-9** – Western District Conference, Hesston Mennonite Church

Our church is granted 5 delegates. If you would be interested in being one of our church's delegates to the WDC Assembly, please contact Delon.

**Colorado peaches are coming to MCC!** The Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale offers Palisade peaches from western Colorado and they will be available for pickup at the Newton MCC Center on August 18 . . . **BUT orders must be in by TOMORROW!!** Pick up a flier on the table in the foyer for information about how to place an order.

### **JULY 13 MarimBell CONCERT @ 3:00pm NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!!**

We are excited to be hosting **MarimBell** on Sunday, July 13 for a concert at 3:00pm. Plan to attend and invite your friends and family! **MarimBell is a dynamic duet ensemble co-founded by percussionist Marie Clyatt-Larson and handbell soloist Emily Li.** Rooted in their deep experience as performers and educators, **MarimBell** was created to explore the expressive possibilities of two rarely combined instruments: marimba and handbells. The result is a rich and engaging soundscape that blends percussive rhythm, lyrical resonance, and artistic nuance.



***Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served***

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