



*“... the Lord God, the holy one of Israel, says:  
In return and rest you will be saved;  
quietness and trust will be your strength ... ”* Isaiah 30:15

## ***Living a Sabbatical Life***

July 6, 2025

First Mennonite Church

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### **GATHERING & PRAISING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship\***

**L:** This day is Your gift to us;  
We take it, Lord, from Your hand  
and thank You for the wonder of it.

**ALL:** God be with us in this Your day,  
every day  
and every way,  
with us and for us in this Your day...

All that we are, Lord,            **we place into Your hands.**  
All that we do, Lord,            **we place into Your hands.**  
The troubles that weary us, **we place into Your hands.**  
Each that we pray for,           **we place into Your hands.**

Keep us close to You, Lord.      **Keep us close to You.**  
We lift our hands to You, Lord. **We lift them up to You.**

**ALL:**            **Hands, Lord, your gift to us,**  
                 **we stretch them up to You.**  
                 **Always You hold them.**

L:      Help us to find our happiness  
         in our acceptance of what your purpose is for us:  
         in friendly eyes, in work well done,  
         in quietness born of trust,  
         and most of all,  
         in the awareness of Your presence  
         in our spirit.

**HYMN** *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT 9

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

**HYMN** *Let Us Build a House* VT 36

## **HEARING GOD’S STORY**

**Children’s Time**

**HYMN** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* VT 536

**Scripture Readings:**

*Genesis 1:31-2:3; Psalm 23; Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 12:1-2*

**Sermon**            *“In God for the World”*

**Music for Meditation**

## **SHARING OUR STORIES**

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

## **LIVING GOD’S STORY**

**HYMN** *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

**Benediction\***

**Postlude**

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\*Call to Worship adapted from Celtic Daily Prayer: Prayers and Readings from the Northumbria Community. pg 155-56. Benediction found in the same book, pg 19.

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  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring  
Nursery: Trae Gehring  
Pianists: Joanna Wenger, Peggy Stucky  
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring  
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger  
Scripture: Hilda Iwashige & Lucia Iwashige  
Children's Time & 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 time** with drinks following worship in Common Grounds room

**No Sunday School today . . .** join us on July 13 and 27 for lively discussions for all ages beginning at 11:00am. Children meet in the room near the ping pong table downstairs.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **July 8-12 – MennoCon25 in Greensboro NC** (Delegates from FMC 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**
- **July 15 – Pastor Tonya back** in the office
- **July 21 – M&M's meet @ 6:30pm** (at FMC) to go mini-golfing
- **July 29-August 3 – Pastor Tonya's final sabbatical week away**
- **August 10 & 24 - Summer Sunday School for all ages**
- **August 10 – Back to School blessing in worship**

**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.

### **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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