



***Prayers of
Lament & Hope
and Communion
Turning from Hostility to Love***

July 27, 2025
First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship* (based on Psalm 62:5-12)

One: Our souls wait in silence;

Many: our hope rests in God

One: our rock

Many: our salvation

One: our refuge.

Many: We will not be shaken.

One: In this time of worship,

Many: we pour out our hearts

ALL: because we trust in God's steadfast love.

HYMN *Praise Him, Praise Him* VT 100
Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting
Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* VT 485

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Lighting the Peace Lamp
Peace Essay

Scripture Reading: *John 9:1-7; Ephesians 2:14-22*
Meditation

WE OPEN HANDS, HEARTS & LIVES

HYMN *Far Above the Noise of Life* VT 625

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer
Lighting Candles of Lament & Hope
Coming to the Lord's Table

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VT 812

Benediction

Postlude

* **Call to Worship** written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

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: Shane Miller
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Shane & Joy Miller family
Nursery: Magdalena Wenger
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader, Scripture: Joel Iwashige
Children's Time: Jane Wagler
Peace Essay: Khue Vu
Preacher, Song Leader: Pastor Tonya
Communion Prep: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim,
Marlene Thode, Pauline Buller,
Joel Iwashige, Joretta Martens,
and Eldon Wagler

Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly held July 8-12. Delegates installed Marty Lehman as the moderator for the new biennium and provided unanimous affirmation for a slate of new Executive Board members, including incoming Moderator-elect Todd Lehman (no relation).

A spirit of hope and shared purpose marked the opening of MC USA's biennial Delegate Assembly on July 11, 2025, as more than 350 delegates gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, to reimagine the denomination's future and approve four key measures to strengthen and equip the church. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/> FMC's delegates were Pastor Tonya and Magdalena Wenger.

TODAY

Text prayer requests to Pastor Tonya at 620-513-2828

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 today . . . join us for lively discussions for all ages beginning at 11:00am. Children meet in the room near the ping pong table

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 28** – Cut material for *MCC School Kits* . . . 6-8pm
- **July 28-August 4** – *Pastor Tonya's final sabbatical week away*
- **August 2-9** – Youth group joining *Just Peace Pilgrimage, Tucson AZ*
- **August 8-9** – *Western District Conference annual assembly-Hesston*
- **August 10 & 24** – *Summer Sunday School for all ages*
- **August 10** – *Back to School blessing + Adrianna Peach's peace essay*
- **August 10** – *Baptism of Hannah Nisly and Adrianna Peach @ Camp Mennoscah* – gather in the shelter attached to the main building by **6:00pm** for a brief baptism service in the river followed by fellowship time. All are invited!
- **August 18** – *Peace Essays by Hannah Nisly and Reuben Wenger*
- **August 31** – *Assemble MCC School Kits* after worship; begin your shopping for school supplies now – a list of items is available on the table in the foyer. **AND stay for a church potluck beginning at 11:30am!** Bring a dish to share. Clean up volunteers welcomed!

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Delegates to Western District Conference Annual Assembly are Adrienne Derstine, Julie Goering, Delon Martens, Joy Miller and Ken Neufeld..



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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