



*Obstacles to Seeing God at
Work
& Joining In:
Stuck in Old Paradigms*

August 3, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

Leader: Praise to God who has given us life.

**PEOPLE: BLESSED BE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF
LOVE.**

Leader: Praise to God who forgives our sin.

PEOPLE: BLESSED BE GOD WHO SETS US FREE.

Leader: Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**PEOPLE: BLESSED BE GOD, OUR STRENGTH,
OUR HOPE.**

HYMN *God of Our Strength* VT 47
Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting
Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

WE HEAR GOD’S STORY

Children’s Time

HYMN *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* VT 718

Scripture Reading: *John 9:8-14*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE OFFER PRAYERS & RECEIVE LIFE

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD’S STORY

HYMN *Use Us, God* VT 811

Benediction

Postlude

* Voices Together 902 (*from A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

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: Diane Ziemer & Shane Miller
Nursery: Joel & Hilda Iwashige
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Song Leader: Jon Miller
Scripture Reader: Shane Miller
Children's Time: Santalena Caudillo
Preacher: Jim Unruh

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

Columbarium update: The expansion of our columbarium is now complete. The face plates on the 36 additional niches are made of granite, which blends nicely with the original bronze face plates. Check with the church office if you would like information about reserving a niche in our columbarium.

Western District Conference Women in Mission Women's and Girls' Retreat is September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Look for the schedule and registration information on the table in the foyer.

Reno County Food Bank donations for August: Peanut Butter

EVERENCE offers financial training resources. Check their website
<https://www.everence.com/resources/everence-stewardship-partners>

TODAY

Text prayer requests to Pastor Jim 620-921-0314

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 – August dates are the 10th and 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **August 2-9** – Youth group joining *Just Peace Pilgrimage, Tucson AZ*
- **August 8-9** – *Western District Conference annual assembly-Hesston*
- **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 13** – *Sr. Youth report* on Christ at the Border Peace Pilgrimage
- **August 17** – *Peace Essays by Hannah Nisly and Reuben Wenger*
- **August 20** – *Anabaptism @ 500 Zurich report*
- **August 27** – *MennoCon 25 and WDC Assembly* delegate reports
- **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!**

FMC's fiscal year third quarter has just ended. Together, as a congregation, we own the decisions we make at our annual budget meeting, to support our ministries – maintaining our facilities and grounds, compensating our paid staff, supporting our corporate life of worship and faith formation, and reaching out to the community close at hand and around the world. We join together to provide funding for our shared commitments and invite on-going support as we look toward the end of our fiscal year on October 31.



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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