



***Obstacles to Seeing God at
Work & Joining In:
Preserving Systems
and Status Quo***

August 10, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 63:1-4

One: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

ALL: **my soul thirsts for you;
 my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land
 where there is no water.**

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

ALL: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* VT 114

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

HYMN *We Give Thanks unto You* VT 117

WE HEAR GOD’S STORY

Children’s Time: MCC School Kits & Back to School Blessing

Congregational Blessing:**

*Children, families and all who love them,
Go out into the beautiful world God has made!
Go and play!
Go and learn!
Go and love others!
May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself
and everyone around you.
May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe,
healthy, and full of joy. AMEN*

Special Music *How Great Thou Art*

Scripture Reading: *John 9:3-17, 24-34*

Sermon

Music for Meditation *To Where You Are* . . . Josh Groban

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer (VT 989B with “sins”)

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD’S STORY

HYMN *You Are Salt For the Earth* VT 297

Benediction

Postlude

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***Back to School blessings and prayers – Illustrated Ministry, LLC.*

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: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens
Nursery: Joy Miller
Musicians: Shane Miller, Trae Gehring,
Tambra Stucky, Pastor Tonya
Worship Leader: Anita Kehr
Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert
Children's Time: Diane Ziemer & Tonya
Sermon: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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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

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 for all ages. Last summer session is August 24

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 11 – Craft Night** 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **August 13 – 7pm Sr. Youth report** on *Christ at the Border Peace Pilgrimage*
- **August 17 – Peace Essays by Hannah Nisly and Reuben Wenger**
- **August 20 – 7pm Anabaptism @ 500 Zurich report**
- **August 27 – 7pm MennoCon 25 and WDC Assembly** delegate reports
- **August 31 – Assemble MCC School Kits** after worship; **stay for a church potluck beginning at 11:30am!** Bring a dish to share. Clean up volunteers welcomed!

Baptism Service @ Camp Mennoscah. All are invited this evening for the baptism of Hannah Nisly and Adrianna Peach in the river at Camp Mennoscah. We'll begin at 6:00pm in the shelter attached to the main building and then move down to the river for the baptisms. After the baptisms we'll have a time of fellowship with cookies back in the shelter area. Bring your own lawn chair if you don't want to sit on the benches (which do not have backs). We will all need to leave camp by 8:00pm.

Devotional guides. New issues of *Rejoice!* and *Upper Room* are available above the mailboxes.



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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