



***Obstacles to Seeing God at  
Work & Joining In:  
Fear of Loss of Community and  
Relationships***

**August 17, 2025  
First Mennonite Church**

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**WE GATHER & PRAISE**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship (VT 869)**

**Group 1:** We are a covenant people,  
called to God by God,  
generation through generation.

**Group 2:** We are covenant people,  
called to Jesus by Jesus,  
losing our life to gain our life.

**Together:** *We are a covenant people,*

*called to church by the church,  
weaving together the strong and the weak,  
the stranger and the friend.*

Group 1: Renamed.

Group 2: Reborn.

Together: Renewed.

*We gather ourselves in the community of believers.*

*We gather ourselves unto you.*

**HYMN** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* VT 428

**Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting**

*Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!*

**HYMN** *O God, Our Refuge* VT 434

## **WE HEAR GOD'S STORY**

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Peace Essays

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: *John 9:18-23*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (VT 989B with "sins")

## **WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY**

**HYMN** *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

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.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Kris Lindenberger & Marlene Thode  
Nursery: Adam & Maggie Pounds  
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman  
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds  
Scripture Reader: Anita Kehr  
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering  
Song Leader: Trae Gehring  
Peace Essays: Hannah Nisly  
and Reuben Wenger  
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**

September: Canned Meat/Tuna

#### **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 & treats to celebrate August birthdays after worship in Common Grounds room

**Back to School Celebration outside** between 11-Noon – all are invited

**No Sunday School today.** Last summer session is August 24

**Senior Youth Kick-Off** beginning with lunch at the church and ending with dinner at the Wenger's

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **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 (label if it's gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, or has artificial sugar in it). If you can help clean up in the kitchen afterwards, please do so!
- **August 31 – Cloris Enns 90<sup>th</sup> birthday open house**, 2:00-4:00pm, 2802 Dickens, Hutchinson
- **September 7 – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins**

**LOST & FOUND.** Our box is overflowing!! Check the table in the foyer for items you may have left behind. Anything left after August 31 will be repurposed.

**DEVOTIONAL GUIDES.** New issues of *Rejoice!* and *Upper Room* are available above the mailboxes.

**WDC WOMEN'S RETREAT.** Registration info on the table in the foyer.

**MCC RECYCLING INFO.** Check the bulletin board in the foyer.



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

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