



***Prayers of Lament & Hope
and Communion
Turning from Fear to Faith***

August 31, 2025
First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship* (inspired by Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11)

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Jesus,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

HYMN *Brethren We Have Met To Worship* VT 25

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *The Bread We Break Is Telling* VT 466

WE HEAR GOD’S STORY

Children’s Time

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 56*

Meditation

WE OPEN HEARTS, HANDS & LIVES

HYMN *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

Prayers of the People

Lighting Candles of Lament & Hope

Communion at the Lord’s Table

... with Music for Meditation ...

Praying the Lord’s Prayer (VT 989B with “sins”)

WE TELL OUR STORIES

Ministry Moment – Food Bank of Reno County

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD’S STORY

HYMN *My Life Flows On* VT 605

Benediction

Postlude

Photo on front taken after July 27, 2025 Worship

*Call to Worship: On Earth Peace website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>

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: Russ & Jean Gaeddert, Sadie Pritchett
Nursery: Russell & Julie Goering
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Scripture Reader: Delon Martens
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Ministry Moment: Donna Davis
Meditation: Jim Unruh
Communion Preparation: Dohn & Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Jim, Tonya, Delon Martens
Judy Langley, Russ Gaeddert,
and two additional servers TBD

Reno County Food Bank donations for September: Canned meat/tuna

Mennonite Migration film to be part of Salt City Film Fest – September 25. As part of the Salt City Film Fest in Hutchinson at the Fox Theater Sept 25-27, the film "Where the Cottonwoods Grow" by Dale Hildebrand (Canada) will be shown at 7 pm on Thursday, September 25th. Tickets are \$5. The film tells the story of the Mennonite migration from Ukraine and Russia to North America. This is the same film that Kauffman Museum earlier sponsored for screening at Bethel College. Put this event on your calendar!

MCC RECYCLING INFO. Check the bulletin board in the foyer for new options to recycle books and soft plastics, as well as clothing, shoes and purses/bags at the Newton center.

MCC MEAT CANNING. Watch for information coming soon!

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 after worship **downstairs**.

Assemble MCC School Kits after worship; **stay for a church potluck beginning at 11:30am!**

Cloris Enns 90th birthday open house, 2:00-4:00pm, 2802 Dickens

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 7 – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins – for all ages!!**
- **September 8 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm in fellowship hall**
- **September 14 – Teacher Dedication, Bible Dedication, and Blessing** for new Children's Faith Formation position filled by Joy Miller
- **September 27 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen**
- **September 28 – FMC Safe Sanctuaries Training** for all who volunteer with children and youth at FMC

GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR SUNDAY 5:30pm MEAL.

September 21 and October 19. You may sign up to be a host and provide a main dish, or sign up as a guest and bring a side dish to share. When you (your family) sign up as a guest, you will be assigned to a host's home. Note signup deadlines in the foyer. Please indicate the date you (your family) wish to participate and the number of people. Great way to get better acquainted with friends from FMC!

LOST & FOUND . . . TODAY is the last day! Check the table in the foyer. Anything left after today will be repurposed.

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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