



Creation by the Word

September 7, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

1: Breath by breath - it was so.

2: *Word by word - it was so.*

1: Piece by piece - it was so.

2: *Day by day - it was so.*

All: Blessing by blessing - it was so.

Leader: And God saw that it was good.

All: God saw that it was very good.

Prayer

HYMN *In the Beginning* VT 270

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Hymn *You Are All We Have* VT 701

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE TELL OUR STORIES

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

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Called By Earth and Sky* VT 806

Benediction

Postlude

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*Liturgy (Call to Worship, Prayers, Benediction) written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson, used with permission

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: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Jonathan & Joanna Wenger
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Scripture Reader: Santalena Caudillo
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Song Leader: Pauline Buller
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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

***How We Learn to Be Brave* – Maryann Edgar Budde**

Our book study group will be reading this book and join for discussion on Wednesdays beginning September 17 at 1:00pm. You are invited to join us. Talk to Carol Moore if you need help purchasing a book.

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 will be in N Newton this fall. If you would like to make a donation (in addition to the \$600 we budget as a congregation), please do so by September 14. (Checks payable to FMC, designated for MCC Canner.) Eldon Wagler has agreed to be our new contact person with the Meat Canner!

RENO COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK...October 12 in Rice Park. Registration begins at 1:30pm and the walk at 2:00pm. Funds raised support hunger relief around the world, and 25% of the funds help meet needs in Reno County. Donations payable to CWS/CROP may be sent to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson KS 67502

TODAY:

Text prayer requests to Pastor Tonya @ 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 after worship in Common Grounds Room

Sunday School for all ages @ 11:00:

Toddlers and K-5th (in basement SS rooms)

Jr Youth & Senior Youth (all the way upstairs)

Salt and Light Bible Study (basement fellowship hall & Zoom)

Connection & Conversation Class (basement adult SS room)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 8 – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm** in fellowship hall
- **September 9 – LPC (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) 1-2pm**
- **September 10 – LPC (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) 6:30-7:30pm**
- **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** (sign up in foyer)
- **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!

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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