



Covenant & Sacrifice

September 14, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

One: God is calling us by name, trying to get our attention.

**All: Here we are, turning our full attention
to God's presence.**

One: God is calling us through the voices of our neighbors.

**All: Here we are, listening for truth
through holy human stories.**

One: God is calling us to see the world anew.

**All: Here we are, looking for what God will reveal
and provide today.**

Prayer

HYMN *The God of Sarah Praise* VT 190

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

HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

Children's Time & Bible Dedication

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-6; 22:1-14

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE TELL OUR STORIES

Blessing for Joy Miller – FMC's Children's Faith Formation Coordinator

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

Blessing for Sunday School Teachers

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY

HYMN *As You Go Out From Here* VT 841

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: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Russell Goering
Nursery: Jonathan and Joanna
Pianists: Peggy Stucky,
Arwen Iwashige, Lucia Iwashige
Worship Leader: Eldon Wagler
Scripture Readers: Hilda & Lucia Iwashige
Blessing: Maggie Pounds
SS Teacher Blessing: Joy Miller
Children's Time: Tonya, Joy Miller
Preacher & Song Leader: 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 N. 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)

NOON TODAY - Hamburger Lunch Fundraiser for the Senior Youth Group

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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

FALL WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First) Series: "Learn-Pray-Act: Local Justice Initiatives" will be held on Wednesdays during October. A detailed line-up of themes/speakers will be available soon. The evening schedule will be:

5:45-6:45pm Dinner provided (donations accepted to cover costs)

6:45-7:45 Adult Program & Children's Activities

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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