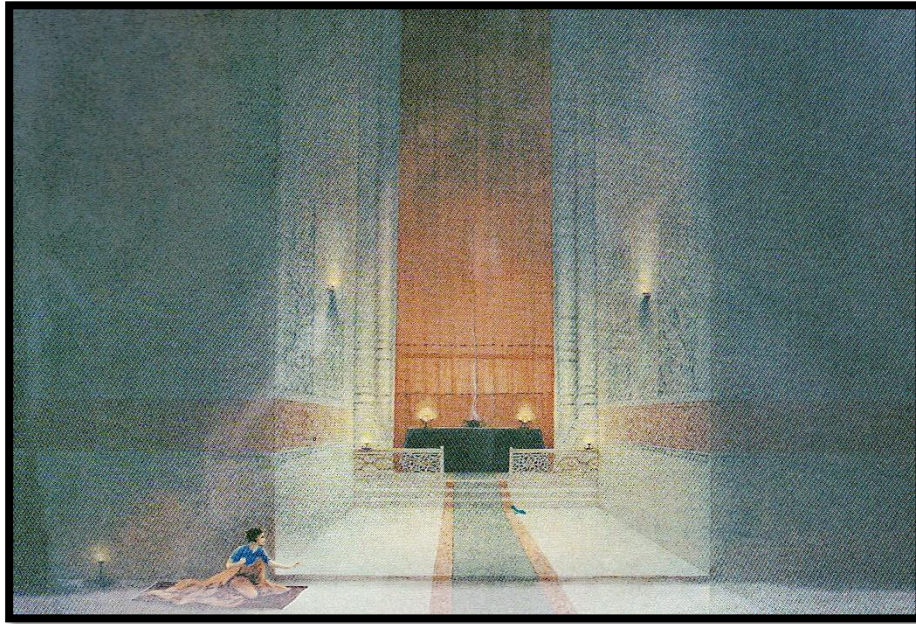




God Calls Samuel

October 12, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: In this holy space, God speaks.

All: To young and old together, God's word comes alive.

One: In this holy space, we listen.

All: Wondering together what God will do.

Prayer

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *In Thy Holy Place We Bow* VT 40

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-21

HYMN *Be Still and Know* VT 37

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE TELL OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Book of Prayer)

*Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.*

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

Benediction

Postlude

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*Words for Worship (Call to Worship, Prayers, etc.) written by Rev. Teri Peterson

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: Diane Ziemer & Shane Miller
Nursery: Adam & Maggie Pounds
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Worship Leader: Santalena Caudillo

Song Leader: Jonathan Wenger
Scripture Reader: Pauline Buller
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Reno County Food Bank donations for October: Canned soup

FUNDRAISING EVENTS in our local community:

- **Empty Bowls to benefit Reno County Food Bank** – October 16, 5-7pm, Hutchinson Art Center. Suggested: \$15 adults, \$5 children.
- **Fish Fry to benefit Hands of Christ Ministries** – October 17, 4:30-8:00pm, Pleasantview Activity Center. Cash, checks & credit card.
- **Mennonite Friendship Communities *Evening at the Burt*** – October 28, doors open 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30. Larry Hatteberg, speaker. Raising funds for south wing renovations. See Joretta for info.
- **Camp Mennoscah Verenike Casserole Meal** – November 8, 5:30-6:30, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Suggested: \$20; pan \$40.

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)

FMC leads worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities

CROP Walk at Rice Park – registration @ 1:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 13** – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm
- **October 26** – Budget meeting @ 11:00am. Children's Sunday School
- **October 31** - Halloween Donuts on the Lawn (at FMC).
- **November 1** – Singing Group @ Wenger's (5pm potluck, 6pm informal hymn singing); everyone welcome, bring a dish to share if you can.
- **November 3** – MCC Meat Canning – volunteer to Eldon Wagler. Deadline is October 19 for contributions to purchase meat & supplies. Checks to FMC (designated for MCC Meat Canning).
- **November 9** – Mission Festival with potluck after Sunday School.

FALL WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First) Series: "Learn-Pray-Act: Local Justice Initiatives"

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

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

- **October 15: Community Justice** – Rev. Jeanne Koontz
- **October 22: Earth Justice** – Earth Matters, 2nds on Second, and an introduction to Anabaptist Climate Collaborative
- **October 29: Immigration Justice** – Esmerelda Tovar-Mora
- **November 5: Housing Justice** – Jim Unruh



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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