



# ***Solomon's Temple***

October 26, 2025

*First Mennonite Church*

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## **WE GATHER & PRAISE**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: God is here, in this place —

**All:           the glory of the Lord is all around  
                  and fills this house!**

One: Our Living God dwells here among the people —

**All:           forever and ever, God is with us!**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord  
      in the beauty of holiness.

**HYMN   *God is Here Among Us* VT 62**

**Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting**

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

**HYMN   *The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound* VT 392**

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

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Reading**    *1 Kings 5:1-18; 8:1-13*  
**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.*

**Ministry Moment – LightHouse Update**

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

**HYMN**    *A mighty fortress is our God* VT 421

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\*Worship Liturgy (Call to Worship, Prayers, Benediction) 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: Shane Miller  
Livestream: Jay Gehring  
Ushers: Kris Lindenberger & Marlene Thode  
Nursery: Stephanie Gehring  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Worship Leader: Jon Miller  
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger  
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel  
Children's Time: Bryan Kehr  
Ministry Moment: Lacy Stauffacher,  
Interfaith Housing and Community Services  
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

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**Reno County Food Bank donations for October:** Canned soup

November: Canned fruit

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS in our local community:**

- **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. On-line bidding for Silent Auction items now live – [mennofriend.com](http://mennofriend.com).
- **First Mennonite Church of Halstead – Annual Hog Roast**, Sunday, Oct 26 from 5-7pm at Scout Park Gazebo (3rd & Locust, Halstead). Pulled pork supper with fixins. Proceeds to Camp Mennoscah. Bring your lawn chairs. Weather location at the church at 4th & Santa Fe.
- **Camp Mennoscah Verenike Casserole fundraiser** – November 8, serving 5:30-6:30pm at Faith Mennonite (Newton), dine in or drive-thru, meal reservations required – link in THIS WEEK posted on FMCs website. Suggested donation \$20/meal or \$40/casserole pan.

**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 downstairs – fellowship hall!

**Sunday School @ 11:00 for toddlers through Sr. Youth**

**Budget meeting @ 11:00am** in basement fellowship hall, with snacks!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **October 31** – Donuts on the Lawn (at FMC) volunteers beginning 4pm
- **November 1** – Singing Group @ Wenger's (5pm potluck, 6pm informal singing); everyone welcome, bring a dish to share if you can.
- **November 3** – MCC Meat Canning – volunteer to Eldon Wagler.
- **November 5** – Pastor Congregational Relations Committee meets – share concerns/affirmations with Cheryl W, Kevin MN or Adam P.
- **November 8** – Camp Mennoscah Verenike Casserole Meal
- **November 9** – Mission Festival – Raylene Hinz Penner, speaker; potluck meal following Sunday School.
- **November 9** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Pets @ 4:30pm at the church.
- **November 19** – *We'll Leave Our Lights On* drive for Food Bank (5-7pm)
- **November 21** – Bethel College and Hutchinson Community College Choirs joint concert in our sanctuary at 7:00pm.
- **December 7** – FMC Annual Congregational Meeting

**FALL WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First) Series:** *"Learn-Pray-Act: Local Justice Initiatives"* will be held on Wednesdays beginning October 8. 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

- **October 29: Immigration Justice**
- **November 5: Housing Justice**



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

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