



God Speaks to Elijah

November 2, 2025

First Mennonite Church

WE GATHER & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

One: Come, see the power of God!

All: We see and hear God's power in creation.

One: Come, taste and see the goodness of God!

All: We sense God's goodness in providing for us, body and soul.

One: Come, know the presence of God with us!

All: We know God's presence in stillness that speaks to our hearts.

Prayer*

HYMN *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* VT 747

Passing the Peace – Fellowship Greeting

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ!

HYMN *Open Lord, My Inward Ear* VT 548

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

HYMN *Seeds* VT 777

Scripture Reading *1 Kings 19:1-18*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE TELL OUR STORIES

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

*Including a farewell for Adam Butler, Adrienne Derstine
and Vincent Derstine Butler*

Ministry Invitation

WE GO TO LIVE INTO GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)* VT 815

Benediction*

Postlude

*Worship Liturgy written by Rev. Teri Peterson.

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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: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: Fred & Mary Wade
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Song Leader, Guitar: Shane Miller
Scripture Reader: Eldon Wagler
Children's Time: Joy & Shane Miller
Ministry Invitation: Russ Gaeddert
Preacher: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Reno County Food Bank donations for November: Canned fruit

MISSION FESTIVAL @ FMC . . . November 9

Raylene Hinz-Penner from Newton will be our speaker during worship, focusing on Indigenous Justice. *Our offering that morning will be given to the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery.* Raylene will also join us for an interactive Sunday School conversation to include your questions emerging out of the worship service! ***Plan to stay for a potluck meal following Sunday School – bring a dish to share!!***

ADDRESSING INCREASED HUNGER IN RENO COUNTY

Ending hunger in Reno County isn't a job for one church or one organization – it requires all of us working together. **On Nov 19 from 5-7pm 21 area churches will 'leave their lights on' while collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank of Reno County.** *The Food Bank of Reno County suggests these items: pasta, peanut butter, mac&cheese, cereal, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, and canned soups.* **In addition, recognizing the likelihood of 4500 Reno County residents losing SNAP support this weekend, the call has gone out to consider ALSO donating earlier than Nov 19 to any of the following local church food pantries:**

Crossroads Christian Church (Appt only) 620.663.9597
Eastwood Church of Christ (Appt only) 620.662.3923
Emanuel Lutheran Church (Annette/AM) 620.662.8622
Grace Bible Church (Appt only) 620.663.4740
Grace Episcopal Church (food bags) 620.662.8024
Journey Mennonite Church 620.663.4244
Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church 620.474.0823
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (Jolyn) 620.662.5642
Saint Vincent de Paul (leave message) 620.708.1863
Hope Houses in front of First UMC (leave items anytime)

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

Sunday School @ 11:00 for all ages

NOON - M&M (Mentors & Mentees) meet in fellowship hall!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 3** – MCC Meat Canning – volunteer to Eldon Wagler.
- **November (date to be confirmed)** – Pastor Congregational Relations Committee meets – share concerns/affirmations with Cheryl W, Kevin MN or Adam P.
- **November 8** – Camp Mennoscah Verenike Casserole Meal Fundraiser
- **November 9** – Mission Festival – Raylene Hinz Penner, speaker; potluck meal following Sunday School.
- **November 9** – 2nd 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"

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

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

FINAL SESSION: November 5: Housing Justice with Pastor Jim Unruh

Nov 11: meet the author of *Mask of the Deer Woman* – Laurie L. Dove

Laurie L. Dove (an Indigenous woman adopted as a child by a Mennonite family) will be at Bethel College Mennonite Church on Nov 11 @ 7pm to talk about her book, including her research process. Pastor Tonya is planning to attend – let her know if you'd like to come with her.



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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