



*Pursuing God's Justice in a
Thirsty Land:*
Seeking Shalom for our Common Home

September 6, 2026

Come to the Water

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

GATHERING: With God & All Creation

Welcome & Announcements

Opening HYMN: *Morning Has Broken* VT 495

Call to Worship*

Listen. Let all who are thirsty, come.

Listen carefully. Let all who are thirsty, come.

We are thirsty, all of us—

the young, the old, the trees, the soil,

the creatures that fly, crawl, and swim—

all of us,

sharing a common home and seeking abundant life.

Together, let us seek and find ourselves,

in God's story of shalom.

HYMN *Let Justice Roll Down* VT 791

Sharing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting ...*stand or remain
seated to greet those around you with the peace of Christ.*

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SEEKING: God's Shalom

Lighting the Peace Lamp – *Isaiah 55:1-2*

Peace Essay

Children's Time

LISTENING: Word of God in Scripture

Scripture Reading *Micah 6:8; Luke 10:25-37*

Meditation – *Justice and Mercy*

Music for Meditation

RESPONDING: Mission & Prayer

Mission Moment – *Special Hope Network*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENT OUT: Pursuing God's Justice

HYMN *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* VT 743

Benediction

Leader: Abundant life is all around and within us.

As we go, may God, the wellspring of that life,

nourish and sustain all of us

who inhabit this common home.

All: May we embrace God's shalom in all its fullness:

doing justice,

loving mercy

and walking humbly with God

for the sake of this earth, our common home. Amen.

Postlude

*Image on front of bulletin from God's Shalom for Our Common Home Worship Resources from The Leader Magazine (MennoMedia). Additional resources provided from a shared sermon series (Pursuing God's Justice in a Thirsty Land) provided by the Central Kansas Justice Ministry.

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Reno County Food Bank donations for September: Canned Meat/Tuna

The Food Bank has seen a great increase in folks who shop. Their shelves are emptying quickly. Your food and monetary gifts are appreciated.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship. Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing /coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Jasper Nisly
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: Stephanie Gehring
Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Scripture Reader: Sadie Pritchett
Peace Essay: Jalen Crable
Mission Moment: Eldon & Jane Wagler
Pianist: Russell Goering
Song Leader: Pauline Buller
Children's Time: Jean Gaeddert

Peace Lamp, Sermon & Prayers of the People: Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

Prayer Joys and Concerns sent 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 in the Common Grounds room following the service.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **September 12** – FMC hosting *Kids Meet Christ* event
- **September 13** – Bible Dedication, Peace Essay (Yu'Nique Reed), and Commissioning of Justice Team Leaders
- **September 13** – Fall Sunday School Quarter begins
- **September 16** – Interfaith Housing – Open House @ Unruh's (3-5pm)
- **September 20** – retreat introducing Confessional Bible Study
- **September 26** – FMC serves @ Soup Kitchen
- **October 11** – Reno County CROP Hunger Walk, Rice Park, 1:30 registration

MISSION MOMENT

Special Hope Network in Lusaka, Zambia is a small faith-based organization that provides support for children with mental disabilities and their families. Eldon and Jane Wagler learned about SHN when they were part of a small group in Lusaka that included the Nelson family. The Zambian currency has strengthened recently against the dollar which founder Holly Nelson says has made 'mincemeat' of the SHN budget. Thank you for considering a one-time donation to help SHN continue their support of children with mental disabilities. **Donate to First Mennonite (by check or online on our website) with SHN in the memo line.** *Donations will be accepted till the end of September.*

INVITATION TO ENGAGE WITH CREATION THIS WEEK

We are part of a great, interconnected web of creation. ***This week, invite a friend—human or animal—to enjoy an outdoor space with you.*** Choose a place that you enjoy and where you are likely to see other people or animals. Talk together about what plants, animals, and people you see around you that make this place particularly enjoyable or meaningful for you. Give thanks to God for all the creatures with whom you share this piece of creation. **If you would like, take a picture of yourself and your friend in this place and email it to Pastor Tonya (tonya@hutchfmc.org) by FRIDAY @ NOON to include in a slideshow next Sunday (Sept 13).**

CONFESSIONAL BIBLE STUDY & ORIENTING WITH THE WORD COHORT

For our first session on **Sept 13**, you can *prepare by identifying the top 10 scriptures you cannot live without! What verses, stories, or whole passages of scripture have formed the foundation for your life and life choices?*

AND sign up in the foyer to attend an introductory retreat at FMC on **Sept 20 from 11am-2:30pm** (lunch included, childcare provided after lunch).

RENO COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK . . . October 11 @ Rice Park, 1:30pm

A group from FMC will be walking – come join us!! If you'd like to make a donation: **Checks payable to CWS/CROP** – put in FMC offering box or send to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson, KS 67502. **Online donations:**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/hutchinsonks>

Read THIS WEEK @ FMC

posted at hutchfmc.org for more information about events and opportunities!!



Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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