



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

*If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together. – African Proverb*

September 13, 2026
Living in Relationship Reuniting for Justice

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

GATHERING: With God & All Creation
Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

You are not alone. You are:

a creature within creation, a part of a whole,
with a story to share, and a covenant to keep.

AND WE DO NOT WORSHIP ALONE.

We are: a community within creation, a part of God's story,
summoned by God's faithfulness to be faithful to each other.

TOGETHER, LET US WORSHIP

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMMON LIFE —

A LIFE THAT LEADS TO SHALOM.

HYMN *We Are People of God's Peace* VT 797

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

HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* VT 390

SEEKING: God's Shalom

Lighting the Peace Lamp—Living in Relationship (Isaiah 55:3-5)

Children's Time

LISTENING: Word of God in Scripture

Scripture Reading *Psalms 133; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

Meditation – *Reuniting for Justice*

Music for Meditation (*with slideshow – engaging with creation*)

RESPONDING: Mission & Prayer

Commissioning of Justice Ministry Team Leaders:

Peggy Stucky, Jane Wagler, Susan Combs, Carol Moore

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENT OUT: Pursuing God's Justice

HYMN *Draw the Circle* VT 802

Benediction

L: Life abounds and fulfills us

when we live by and for one another.

As we go, may we go together,

faithful to God and each other

so that all of us may flourish

within this community of creation.

ALL: *May we serve as witnesses to God's shalom*

through all our relationships that form upon 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: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Russ & Jean Gaeddert
Nursery: Julie Goering
Worship Leader & Scripture: Delon Martens
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader: Shane Miller
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Peace Lamp, Meditation, Commissioning & Prayers: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Justice Team Leaders: Susan Combs,
Jean Gaeddert, Peggy Stucky, Carol Moore

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.

Fall Sunday School begins for all ages (children in classrooms, adults in Fellowship Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **September 14** – Craft Night, 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- **September 16** – Interfaith Housing – Open House @ Unruh's (3:30-5pm)
- **September 20** – 11-2:30pm retreat introducing Confessional Bible Study
- **September 26** – FMC serves @ Soup Kitchen
- **September 27** – Safe Sanctuary training, 12 noon (Sign up in the foyer)
- **October 4** – World Communion Sunday + M&M's Meet
- **October 7** – Wednesday Nights @ First (WNAF) – 1st of 4 sessions
- **October 11** – Reno County CROP Hunger Walk, Rice Park, register 1:30
- **October 15-18** – Bethel College Fall Festival
- **October 25** – 12pm FMC Budget Meeting (with youth fundraiser lunch)
- **October 27** – Mennonite Friendship Communities, *Evening at the Burt*

CONFESSIONAL BIBLE STUDY & ORIENTING WITH THE WORD COHORT

We'll meet today in the fellowship hall (11am-Noon) to share about our journey with scripture, including scriptures we cannot live without. **Next Sunday, Sept 20**, we're offering a retreat between 11am-2:30pm to further introduce Confessional Bible Study (lunch included, childcare provided after lunch). **Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.** RSVP's will help us plan well for lunch, but are not required. On Sept 27 we'll begin our journey with scripture (a different text each Sunday) in Confessional Bible Study. All are welcome!! *Questions? Talk to Em Calvert or Pastor Tonya.*

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

One-quarter of the funds we raise will stay local, divided between the Christian Soup Ministry, Inc. and the Reno County Food Bank. We hope to raise enough to send a \$1000 check to each agency. Our global neighbors need our help, too. CWS will use what we raise to provide “good seeds to the sower” as they work with family farmers to improve their yields. CWS also helps communities dig local wells—precluding the need for girls who should be in school to walk three miles and then carry water home for their families. **If you would like to donate, make checks payable to CWS/CROP with our church’s name on the memo line. Put in the FMC offering box or send to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson, KS 67502.** Or you can donate online at: <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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