



*God's Shalom
for Our
Common Home:
Walking in
Wonder*

September 27, 2026

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

GATHERING: With God & All Creation

Prelude *As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus...*M. Nystrom, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

L: Through rain and air, sunshine and soil,

ALL: *God is steadfastly working
for the flourishing of all.*

L: As God cares for us, so God calls us
to observe and trust earth's processes and
to align our human activities
with God's intended purpose for our common home.

ALL: *Together, let us embrace God's vision as our own.
Let our worship lead us to a new purpose,
to an ancient promise, to lasting shalom.*

HYMN *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

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

HYMN *As Rain from the Clouds* (insert)

SEEKING: God's Shalom

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Walking in Wonder (*Is. 55:10-11*)

Confession

Leader: God of cycles and seasons–

*All: sometimes we wonder if you are really at work
in our lives, in our world.*

Leader: Are we making progress? Are we getting anywhere?

*All: Sometimes we wonder if we can make a difference,
or if there is a place for us in this world after all.*

Assurance (based on Psalm 65:9–13)

Leader: But God calls us back again

to join the dance of creation–

to circle around in the rain and swing with the seasons.

*All: You renew the earth continually,
and all creation sings of your abundance.*

Children's Time

LISTENING: Word of God in Scripture

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 6:25-34*

Sermon

Music for Meditation *For the Beauty of the Earth* ...Conrad Kocher

RESPONDING: Prayer

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENT OUT: Pursuing God's Justice

HYMN *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* VT 718

Benediction

Leader: We have a role to play in God's story of shalom.

As we go from here, may we marvel at our common home
and take up the task of caring well for it.

*All: May the hope and promise of God's shalom
propel us into deeper relationship with this earth,
our common home. Amen.*

Postlude

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 October: Canned soup

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: Shane Miller
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Russell Goering
Nursery: Joel & Hilda Iwashige
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Children's Time: Lona Willems
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel
Peace Lamp: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Sermon & Prayers of the People: Pastor Jim Unruh

TODAY:

Prayer Joys and Concerns sent to Pastor Jim @ 620.921.0314

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.

Sunday School for all ages @11:00am

- Children pre-K to Jr. Youth meet in the sanctuary for singing @11:00
- Adults – Confessional Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Safe Sanctuary training, noon-1:30, Fellowship Hall, for all who work with children and youth in any capacity in our congregation

LOOKING AHEAD

- **September 30** – Book group @ 1:00pm – *Joyful, Anyway* (Kate Bowler)
- **September 30** – Pastor Congregation Relations Committee @ 5:15pm
- **October 2** – Play group for toddlers & pre-school 9-10am, Fellowship H.
- **October 4** – World Communion Sunday; Mentors & Mentees meet 12 noon-1:30pm; and Blessing of Animals/Pets at 1:30pm
- **October 7** – WNAF “*The Inner Work of Aging*” - 1st of 4 sessions
- **October 11** – FMC leads worship 10:00am @ Mennonite Friendship Communities; talk to Pastor Jim to volunteer to help
- **October 11** – Reno County CROP Hunger Walk, Rice Park, register 1:30
- **October 25** – FMC Budget Meeting (+ youth fundraiser hamburger fry)
- **October 27** – Mennonite Friendship Communities, *Evening at the Burt*

Playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers will be on the first and third Fridays of every month from 9 am-10 am. Typically, it will be downstairs in the fellowship area near the air hockey table, but sometimes we are at a park. Feel free to share with your neighbors, friends, and relatives and invite them to join. Feel free to call or text Joy with any questions (717) 471-4503.

INVITATION TO ENGAGE WITH CREATION THIS WEEK

This week, celebrate! Go out in nature and find a sound you love—birds, wind in the trees (e.g., the singing of a grove of trembling aspens), burbling water, rain falling, a purring cat, laughter, rain, a crackling fire, singing frogs, a howling coyote. If you are able, record that sound on your phone and bring it with you to worship. While you are out, join in the song of creation! Add your voice, sing a song of praise, or listen to music that inspires you. Praise God for this amazing world in which we live!

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

Make checks payable to CWS/CROP, put our church's name on the memo line, and put them in our offering box. Or, you can send them directly to Grace Episcopal Church, 2 Hyde Park Dr, Hutchinson, KS 67502. Make your donation by October 11. You can also join the youth group and others from FMC and area churches in walking that day.

Read THIS WEEK @ FMC

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



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