



*God's Shalom for Our Common
Home:
Singing with Creation*

October 4, 2026

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

GATHERING: With God & All Creation

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

L: Listen.

ALL: Creation is singing!

L: Listen carefully.

ALL: Creation is singing a song of joy and peace.

L: We are created beings, all of us—

**ALL: born of a creator who inspires us to work together
to regenerate life in every part of our common home.**

L: Listen.

**ALL: Creation is singing a song of joy and peace,
healing and transformation,
that we can embrace as our vocation.**

L: Together, let us celebrate the eternal promise of an eternal God—

ALL: the promise of shalom.

HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* VT 81
Sharing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting ...*stand or remain*
seated to greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

SEEKING: God's Shalom

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Isaiah 55:12-13

Leader: God of transformation–

*All: We still wait for your healing.
We still feel overwhelmed by the brokenness
in our lives and in our world.*

Leader: We confess that we do not always
live as salt of the earth or shine with your light.

*All: Sometimes we forget your hopes and dreams for us.
Sometimes we forget to celebrate the gift
and embrace the responsibility of being alive
in this time and place.*

Leader: Hear the good news!

You will go out with joy and be led back in peace.

God is already at work, restoring soil and soul.

*All: We turn to God and we are embraced
with loving-kindness and compassion.
Let us join in creation's song!*

Children's Time

LISTENING: Word of God in Scripture

Scripture Reading *Matthew 6:25-34* + **Meditation**

RECEIVING: At the Lord's Table

HYMN *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* VT 485

Words of Institution – Prayer – Invitation to the Table

Come to one of the two stations at the front to receive bread and juice (gluten free option available). Grapes and a blessing are typically offered to those still deciding about baptism. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you. All who are seeking to know and follow Christ more fully are welcome at the table!

RESPONDING: Prayer

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

SENT OUT: Pursuing God's Justice

HYMN *You are Salt for the Earth* VT 297

Benediction

Leader: Creation is bursting with life and sound ...

May God's mercy take root in our lives,

so that we might be transformed together with all of creation as a witness to God's steadfast love.

All: *May we boldly proclaim the news of God's inbreaking shalom upon this earth, our common home. AMEN*

Postlude *You are Salt for the Earth* VT 297 (1st stanza)

***God's Shalom For Our Common Home Worship Resources** from The Leader Magazine (MennoMedia).

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 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: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Joy & Sky Miller
Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige
Organist: Pauline Buller
Song Leader: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Children's Time: Julie Goering
Scripture Reader: Susan Combs
Meditation & Prayers of the People: Tonya Ramer Wenger
Communion Preparers: Dohn & Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Pastor Jim, Joel Iwashige, Joy Miller, Martha Miller

TODAY:

Communion – “Whoever comes to me will never go hungry . . .” (John 6:35)

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.

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)

M&Ms – 12 noon-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Animals/Pets – 1:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

- **October 6** – Salthawk Community Support Chili Supper 5:30-7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church on 17th, \$10 each
- **October 6** – Seconds on 2nd Grand Opening 9am-1pm
- **October 7** – Book group @ 1:00pm – *Joyful, Anyway* (Kate Bowler)
- **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 12** – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall
- **October 15-18** – Bethel College Fall Festival
- **October 25** – FMC Budget Meeting (+ youth fundraiser hamburger fry)
- **October 27** – Mennonite Friendship Communities, *Evening at the Burt*

Wednesday Nights @ First (WNAF) begins October 7 (first of 4 sessions)

Shared dinner between 5:30-6:30pm (provided)

Adult program and activities for kids from 6:30-7:30pm.

- Oct 7: Coming to Terms: Moving toward acceptance (Dawn Yoder Harms)
- Oct 14: Refocusing priorities and purpose (Dawn)

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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