

"Guns into Plowshares"

Sculpture by Esther Augsburger and Michael Augsburger, depicting the blade of a giant plow, fashioned out of steel and 3,000 disabled handguns.

November 8, 2026

First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude ***You Are My Hiding Place*** … Michael Lerner, arr. *Mark Hayes*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship* *(based on Isaiah 11:6-9; 40:3-5)*
'Prepare the way,' the prophets call,
'make ready the highways for God.'
How we long to walk down the sidewalks
in God's kingdom of peace!

Prepare your hearts,
for God's realm opens up a new day.
We yearn for the time
when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.
Prepare the way,
God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.
We dream of a world transformed by God's love.
May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.
We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!

HYMN ***God is Here Among Us*** VT 62

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

HYMN ***Mountain of God*** VT 11

SEEKING: God's Shalom
Lighting the Peace Lamp

LISTENING: Word of God in Scripture
Children's Time

Scripture Reading: ***Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7***
Responsive Reading: VT 13 **-** ***Isaiah 2:1-4***

Sermon
Music for Meditation

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

SENT OUT: to Love and Serve
HYMN ***We Dream of a Turning*** VT 209

Benediction
Postlude

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*Call to Worship: *Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense.*

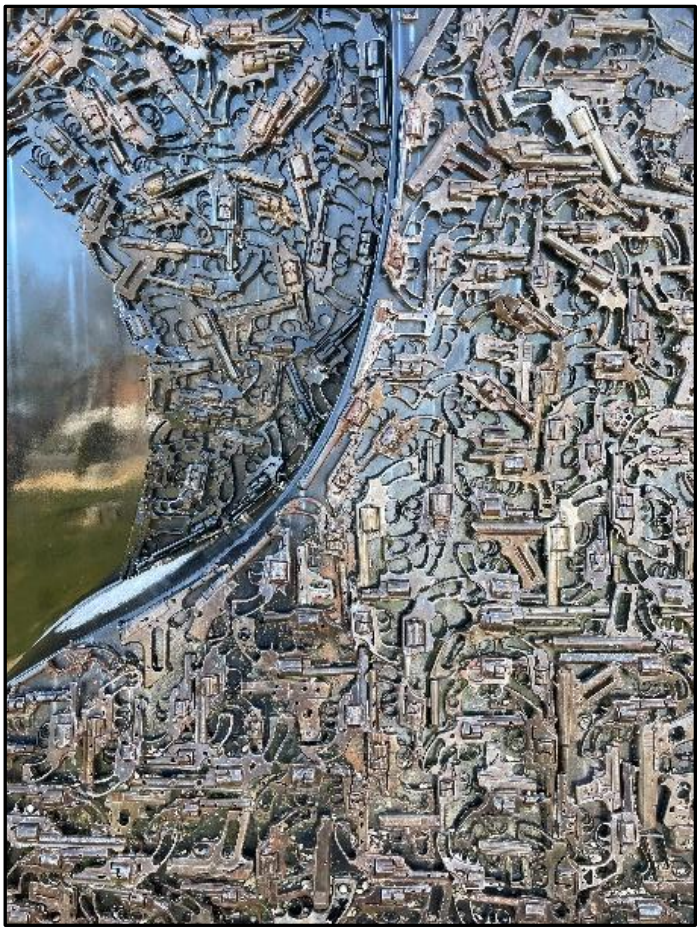
If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Reno County Food Bank donations for November: Canned fruit

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: Duck Miller (according to Adam Pounds!)
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Bryan & Anita Kehr
Nursery: Diane Ziemer
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Song Leader & Children's Time: Bryan Kehr
Scripture: Randy Rempel
Sermon, Prayers of the People: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Close up of the sculpture pictured on the front of the bulletin:



Annual Meeting – Dec 6

- Silent Auction – bring donations by Friday Dec 4 or by 8:45am Dec 6
- NOON lunch
- Meeting @ 12:45

A pictorial review of the year is being created. Please submit your photos to Delon Martens in advance.

Read **THIS WEEK @ FMC** posted at ***hutchfmc.org*** for more information about events and opportunities!!

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.
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)

Mentors & Mentees @ Noon (Fellowship Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **November 9** – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- **November 14** – Church Workday 8am-Noon (RSVP's to Jonathan Wenger are very helpful but not required) – lunch provided.
- **November 15** – Mission Festival with guest speaker from MCC + potluck lunch following Sunday School – bring a dish or two to share!
- **November 18** – ***We'll Leave Our Lights On*** donations for Food Bank
- **November 28** – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – sign up in foyer!
- **November 29** – First Sunday of Advent (5th Sunday – no Sunday School)
- **December 6** – FMC Annual Congregational Meeting + new Sunday School quarter begins
- **December 13** – FMC leads 10am worship at MFC – talk to Pastor Jim

Kansas Coalition on the Death Penalty . . annual Abolition Meeting (Zoom)
Saturday, November 21 at 1:00pm. Hear from persons with first-hand experience with the death penalty. Link to register is in THIS WEEK post at https://hutchfmc.org/

Advent & Christmas Worship . . . *Carols for the Coming Christ*
We will encounter the familiar and the new through music and meditation from the new book by Adam Tice. Carols and hymns are from our hymnal, *Voices Together.* The devotional book from Advent to Epiphany, *Carols for the Coming Christ,* is available online (paperback or *ebook*) at ***heraldpress.com***. If you need assistance, contact the church office.

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