

**First Mennonite Church  
January 10, 2021**

Welcome and announcements                      Kendra Nickel  
Prelude                                                  Jackie Wyse-Rhodes  
Invocation  
VT 121                                                  *When at Creation's Dawn*  
                                                                 Jan Wiebe, Laurel Neufeld Weaver  
                                                                 Doug Luginbill, Gerald Mast  
Responsive Reading (taken from Celtic Prayer, p. 17)  
*Leader: One thing I have asked of the Lord, This is what I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my  
life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His  
temple.*  
*Call:                      Who is it that you seek?*  
**Response:      We seek the Lord our God.**  
*Call:                      Do you seek Him with all your heart?*  
**Response:      Amen. Lord, have mercy.**  
*Call:                      Do you seek Him with all your soul?*  
**Response:      Amen. Lord, have mercy.**  
*Call:                      Do you seek Him with all your mind?*  
**Response:      Amen. Lord, have mercy.**  
*Call:                      Do you seek Him with all your strength?*  
**Response:      Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Community Prayer                                                  Adam Phillips  
HWB 377                                                  *Healer of our every ill*  
Conversation with Friends                                                  Wanda Stopher  
                                                                 Luke 2:41-52  
Message                                                  *Creating Space for the Important Questions*  
                                                                 David Boshart  
HWB 479                                                  *Lord of our growing years*  
Dedication Prayer  
Offertory                                                  Jackie Wyse-Rhodes  
HWB 483                                                  *O God, who gives us life*  
Benediction

*HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ – Sing the Journey;  
STS – Sing the Story; VT -- Voices Together*

*Parts of our service were pre-recorded. Participants are following safe-  
distancing practices.*

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and  
unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus  
Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building  
community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active  
inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our  
congregation.*

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**Church Staff**

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**Camera:** Glen Buller

**Sound:** Kevin Cluts  
**Chancel:** Anita Lehman

**Our stewardship**

Total spending plan giving January 2021 to date      \$9,455  
Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan      \$37,136

*First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.*

