First Mennonite Church January 17, 2021

Welcome and announcements Kendra Nickel

Prelude In Christ There Is No East or West

arr. J. Blersch

LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

VT 121 When at Creation's Dawn

Jan Wiebe, Laurel Neufeld Weaver
Doug Luginbill, Gerald Mast

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:1-6

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher

Conversation with Friends Anita Lehman

I Samuel 3:1-20 Jen Benroth

Message Pay Attention

Rich Bucher

HWB 395 Here I am, Lord

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. R. Hartsell LuAnn Stuckey

HWB 579 Lift every voice and sing

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 safedistancing 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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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving January 2021 to date \$22,678 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.

