First Mennonite Church
January 31, 2021

Welcome and announcements — Kendra Nickel

Prelude — *For the Beauty of the Earth* (HWB 89)
Lucas Harnish

Invocation

VT 1 — *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*
Wanda Stopher, Kendra Nickel, Jeff Boehr, Ray Raeburn

Responsive Reading (based on selected verses from Psalm 111)

L: Praise the Lord with your whole heart! In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

L: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful; provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Community Prayer — Jeff Boehr

Conversation with Friends — Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Mark 1:21-28 — Rodney Dyck

Message — *What is this?*
Wanda Stopher

VT 414 — *Jesus shall reign*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory — *Lágrima* (Francisco Tárrega)
Christopher Harnish, guitar

HWB 379 — *O Christ, the healer*

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

- **Pastor Wanda Stopher – WFH Monday-Thursday, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org**
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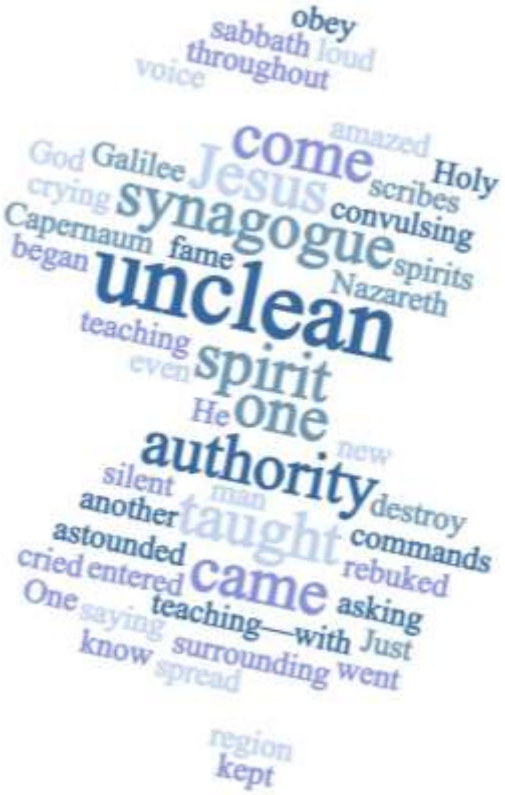
Video editor: Ray Raeburn **Sound:** Melissa Friesen
Camera: Glen Buller **Chancel:** Anita Lehman

Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving January 2021 to date	$22,276
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.