

Sabbath for Worship
First Mennonite Church
October 6, 2019

Music calls us to worship LuAnn Stuckey
Welcome and Announcements Victoria Woods-Yee
Prelude “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” arr. L. Trapp
Invocation
*Opening hymn “Rejoice, rejoice in God” HWB 313
*Responsive reading (Adapted from *The Message*) Psalm 27:4-6
L: I’m asking God for one thing,
C: only one thing:
L: To live with God in God’s presence
C: my whole life long.
L: I’ll contemplate God’s beauty;
C: I’ll wonder and listen in God’s company.
L: That is the place of secure discovery,
C: a place where the noise and distractions cease.
L: God holds me out of the reach of those that would pull me away.
C: I’m going into God’s presence to sing this joyful knowing,
L: Already the songs of God sing within me!
All: You are with me and lead me on your path.
Jubilate “Sing Out, Earth and Skies” Marty Haugen
Conversation with friends Wanda Stopher
“Lord, we bring to you our children” STJ 90
(vs.1, coming forward; vs.2, returning to seats)

Community prayer Theda Good
Chancel Choir “Adoro Te Devote” Bruce Vatine
I adore Thee devoutly, hidden Deity, Who beneath these forms truly is hidden; To Thee my heart wholly submits, Because while beholding Thee it wholly faints away. O memorial of the death of the Lord, Bread of life, life bestowing on humanity, Grant my heart to live on Thee, And to Thee it ever sweetly taste.
Presenting our tithes and offerings
Offertory “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.” Arr. A.K.Organ
*Prayer of dedication
Scripture John 4:1-26(NJB) Victoria Woods-Yee
Sermon “Being with God with us” Jeff Boehr
*Hymn “I heard the voice of Jesus say” HWB 493
Invitation to Communion
Bread “Put peace into each other’s hands” STJ 87
Cup “I hunger and I thirst” HWB 474
*Hymn “Become to us the living bread” HWB 475
*Benediction
Postlude “Joyous Day” J. Leavitt
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*
All bread used in communion today is gluten free.
HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story Please ask an usher for large print hymnals.

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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Host: Greeter:

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound:

Nursery today: Pat Sheidler and Cheri Slotter

Worship today: Kevin and Allison King, Grace Paquin

Nursery next week: Melissa Friesen, Monica Harnish

Worship next week: John and Julie Mackey, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-222; MC-9
Volunteer hours	70
Spending plan giving 9-29-19 (w/e-giving)	\$2071.00
Non-spending plan giving 9-29-19 (w/e-giving): Freudige-	\$100;
Deacons-\$250; Funeral expenses, \$750; Hymnal, \$48	\$1148.00
Total giving 9-29-19 (includes e-giving)	\$3219.00
2019 spending plan	\$431,854.00

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.

