

**First Mennonite Church
February 14, 2021**

Music calls us to Worship

Welcome and announcements Ron Headings

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

HWB 89 *For the beauty of the earth*

Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 50:1-6)

L: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

L: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

P: The LORD calls to the heavens above and to the earth, to judge his people:

L: *Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!*

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge.

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher

Conversation with Friends

Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Mark 9:2-9

Jan Emmert

Message

Why????

Lynn Miller

HWB 232

Christ upon the mountain peak

Dedication Prayer

Offertory

Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

HWB 216

Christ whose glory fills the skies

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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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving February 2021 to date	\$7,969
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.