

**Reveal to us your living water**  
**First Mennonite Church**  
**March 15, 2020**

*Please pass the peace of Christ with your words and eye contact,  
recognizing the light of Christ's presence within.*

Welcome Jeff Boehr  
Announcements  
Prelude LuAnn Stuckey

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

**People: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our  
Salvation!**

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in  
the desert.

**People: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the  
Rock of our Salvation.**

Leader: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living  
water.

**People: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.**

**All: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!**

\*Hymn *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB 68

**Confession**

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned  
from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear  
and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, and we turn to many  
things we believe will satisfy us. In the silence of this  
moment we name those things.**

(Silence)

Assurance of forgiveness

Conversation with Friends Kristen Niekamp  
*Unless a grain of wheat* STS 56  
(vs. 1 forward and vs. 2 returning)

Community prayer Lois Wetherill

Scripture John 4:5-42  
Brent Schroeder, Leah Waltermeyer, Cheri Slotter

Sermon Wanda Stopher

Invitation

\*Hymn *I heard the voice of Jesus say* HWB 493

License Elizabeth Kelly Doug Luginbill

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory LuAnn Stuckey

\*Hymn *As saints of old (v. 3)* HWB 386

\*Prayer of dedication

\*Hymn *Jesus, Rock of ages (Sing twice)* HWB 515

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the  
Story (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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**Greeter:** Fran Core

**Sound:** Melissa Friesen

**Bulletin covers:** Victoria Woods-Yee    **Chancel:** Wendy Chappell-Dick

**Nursery today:** Judy Diller, Gerald Mast

**Worship today:** Kathy Dickson, Annette Heslep

**Nursery next week:** Wendy Chappell-Dick, Victoria Woods-Yee

**Worship next week:** Carrie Mast, Jacob Biesecker-Mast, Sophia Gott

#### Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-145, MC-5
Volunteer hours	69
Total spending plan giving March 2020 to date	\$12,762
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.*



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