

Reveal to us your power over death

First Mennonite Church

March 29, 2020

Welcome Jeff Boehr

Announcements

Prelude *Morning Prayer* Peter Tchaikovsky
Elaine Suderman

*Call to worship

Leader: In ancient times, Yahweh asked the prophet, "Do you believe these dead bones can live again?"

People: The prophet answered, "O God, you know!"

Leader: In the time of Jesus, he asked Martha, "Do you believe I am the resurrection and the life?"

People: Martha answered, "Yes, Lord, I believe."

Leader: Today God asks, "Do you trust that mourning can turn into joy? That your weary bones will live again?"

People: We answer, "O God, we pray to notice what you reveal to us."

*Hymn *I sing the mighty power of God* HWB 46

Affirmation of faith

Conversation with Friends

Mast family

Community prayer

Theda Good

Scripture John 11:1-45 Lori and Darryl Nester

Sermon *Fourth Day* Wanda Stopher

Invitation

*Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* HWB 592

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Menuett & Rigaudon* G.F. Handel
Mark Suderman, recorder; Elaine Suderman, piano

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn *God be with you* HWB 430

*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

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org
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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving March 2020 to date \$22,481
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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