

**Life Reframed: Marching
First Mennonite Church
April 14, 2019**

Welcome Shelby and Kevin Cluts

Announcements

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Hymn "Hosanna, loud hosanna" HWB 238

*Confession

ALL: We confess, O God, that our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do.

L: We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted by our service.

ALL: We have often lost our way. Forgive us. May we find that one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness "The church of Christ in every age"
HWB 403 (vs. 1 & 3)

Conversation with friends Linda Headings
"Jesus is coming" STS 73
(v. 1 coming forward and returning)

Special Music "Hope for Resolution" arr. Caldwell & Ivory
Jubilate, Youth Choir & Chancel Choir, Monica Harnish, violin;
Jan Wiebe, flute; Justin Neufeld Weaver, percussion

In its juxtaposition of a European chant melody and an anti-apartheid song from South Africa, this piece is a celebration of diversity and an encouragement toward peaceful coexistence. As we celebrate the

triumphant entry of Christ, the Prince of Peace, on this Palm Sunday, may we remember that we should also look for ways to promote peace around our globe and in our neighborhoods. The Zulu translation is "Nation, do not cry. Jehovah will protect us. We will attain freedom. Jehovah will protect us."

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture Luke 19:29-46
Ellie Nickel, Jen, Bodey, & Barrett Benroth, Sally Roth

Sermon "Pathos on Parade" Wanda Stopher

*Hymn "Where cross the crowded ways" HWB 405

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn of Dedication "God, whose giving" (vs. 2) HWB 383

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Ride on ride on in majesty" HWB 239

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

HWB – Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ – Sing the Journey; STS – Sing the Story

Please ask an usher for assistance in locating 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 (cell); fmc.wanda@bluffton.edu
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- Interim Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-10 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
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- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., weekends as needed

Host: Gary Wetherill

Greeters: Julie and John Mackey

Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Beth Boehr

Nursery today, SS: Melinda, Patrick & Rebecca Estell

Worship: Betsi & Joe Werling, Jacob Biesecker Mast

Nursery next week: No Sunday school, Easter brunch

Worship: Alison & Kevin King, Grace Paquin

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-212, MC-7
Volunteer hours (March 31-April 6)	147.5
Spending plan giving April 7, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$10,689.65
Non-spending plan giving April 7, 2019 (includes e-giving): Freudige-\$40	
Sojourners-\$15; JHYF-\$20; SHYF-\$395; Kitchen-\$5; Habitat-\$30;	
MCC-\$50; MDS-\$100; College scholarships-\$90; Capital campaign-\$25	
ISAF-\$50; Chili cook off costs-\$80	\$900.00
Total giving April 7, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$11,589.65
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.

