

Easter 6
First Mennonite Church
May 17, 2020

Welcome and Announcements Jeff Boehr

Prelude *Rivulet* Michael Aaron
Elaine Suderman

Invocation

*Hymn *Let the whole creation cry* HWB 51

*Responsive Reading Psalm 66, selected verses
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L: Be joyful in God, all you lands. All the earth bows down before you and sings the glory of your Name.

P: Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful are these deeds toward all people.

L: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard; God holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

P: For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried... but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

L: Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what God has done for me. I called out to God with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

P: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld steadfast love from me.

Conversation with Friends Louise Matthews

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture John 20:19-29

Sermon *Put Your Finger Here* Doug Luginbill

*Hymn *We walk by faith* HWB 570

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Abide With Me* Ron Loree

*Prayer of Dedication

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

*Benediction

Postlude *Calm me, Lord* Margaret Rizza

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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 May 2020 to date \$15,564

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.

