

**The Uprising of Partnership  
First Mennonite Church  
May 19, 2019**

Welcome Sara Brenner

Announcements

Prelude “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” setting by B. Culli  
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

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

\*Responsive Reading Psalm 146:6-10 (NRSV)

L: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever?

**C: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to  
the hungry?**

L: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those  
who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**C: The Lord watches over the strangers, upholds the orphan  
and the widow, but the way of the wicked will come to ruin.**

**ALL: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all  
generations. Praise the Lord!**

Conversation with Friends Rich Bucher  
“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!” HWB 278  
v. 1 coming forward

Special Music “Cantate Domino” arr. Norman Greyson  
Youth Choir

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture Acts 16:11-40 Ron Lora

Sermon “Partners in an Earthquake” Lynda Nyce

\*Hymn “O let all who thirst” HWB 495

Presenting our tithes and offerings  
Offertory “All Depends on Our Possessing”  
setting by K. Kosche

\*Hymn “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” (v. 1) HWB 264

\*Prayer of Dedication

Commissioning of Carrie Mast, Children and Youth Director

**Leader:** Carrie, we rejoice with you as you continue into this  
service with the congregation. We commit to work alongside you  
with children and youth in laying a foundation of spiritual  
integrity; promoting peacemaking, service and respect of all  
God’s people.

**All:** God of grace and power, pour out your Spirit in Carrie as  
she ministers with us in the nurture and spiritual development of  
all our children. Guide and strengthen her for the work that lies  
ahead, that together we may be one in ministry to children and  
youth, within the congregation and in ministry to all the world;  
through the One in whom we all are one, your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen*

\*Hymn “If all you want, Lord” HWB 512

\*Benediction

Postlude “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”  
setting by J. Blersch

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

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

*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 – Sabbatical, May-July 2019
- Pastor Theda Good -- Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); [theda@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:theda@fmcbluffton.org)
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., [mastc@bluffton.edu](mailto:mastc@bluffton.edu)
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); [sudermanme@bluffton.edu](mailto:sudermanme@bluffton.edu)
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, [fmc@bluffton.edu](mailto:fmc@bluffton.edu)
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., weekends as needed

**Sound:** Kevin Cluts

**Chancel:** Anita Lehman

**Nursery today, SS:** Judy Diller, Mary Ina Hooley

**Worship:** Amy Blount, Wendy Chappell-Dick, Jacob Biesecker Mast

**Nursery next week:** Shelby Cluts, Pat Sheidler

**Worship:** Kevin Cluts, Melissa Friesen, Ana Neufeld Weaver

### **Our stewardship**

Host: Mary Ann Moser	Greeter: Sally Roth	Sound: Kevin Cluts
Chancel: Wendy Chappell-Dick		
Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-169, MC-5	
Volunteer hours last week	60.5	
Spending plan giving May 12, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$7,325.00	
Non-spending plan giving May 12, 2019 (with e-giving): Kitchen-\$10		
Sojourners-\$15; Faith and Life-\$11; Freudige-\$30; Capital campaign-\$30;		
College schol-\$40; MDS-\$125; SHYF-\$417; Habitat-\$10	\$648.00	
Total giving May 12, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$7,973.01	
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.*

