

Whatever the Hardship, Keep Rising Up
First Mennonite Church
June 2, 2019

Music Calls us to Worship

Welcome Brent Schroeder

Announcements

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Opening Hymns Mark Suderman

*Responsive Reading Isaiah 40:28-31 (IB, adapted)

L: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Holy One is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

C: This God does not faint or grow weary; with a depth of understanding that is unsearchable.

L: God gives strength to the weary and empowers the powerless.

C: Young women may grow tired and weary, young men may stumble and fall, but those who wait for God find a renewed power:

ALL: they soar on eagles' wings, they run and don't get weary, they walk and never tire.

Conversation with Friends Shannon Thiebeau

“Put peace into each other's hand” STJ 87
(vs.1 coming forward and vs. 2 returning to seats)

Special Music “I Will Come to You in the Silence” David Haas
Grace Paquin, cello
Anna Biesecker-Mast and Ana Neufeld Weaver, vocals

Community Prayer Lois Wetherill

Scripture 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Danielle Corbin

Sermon “Enduring Hardship” Theda Good

*Hymn “Faith of the martyrs” HWB 413

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn “We give thee but thine own” (vs. 1&3) HWB 384

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Come, ye disconsolate” HWB 497

*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 – On sabbatical, returning August 1
- Pastor Theda Good – Monday-Friday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Bev Simon

Greeter: Jan Wiebe

Chancel: Amy Freeman

Nursery today, SS: Anita & George Lehman

Worship: John & Julie Mackey, Theo Andreas, Ben Hartzler

Nursery next week: Wendy Chappell-Dick, Mary Ina Hooley

Worship: Amy Freeman & Bruce Steingass, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-152, MC-5
Volunteer hours last week	101
Spending plan giving May 26, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$2,788.00
Non-spending plan giving May 26, 2019 (with e-giving): Freudige-\$100 MCC-\$100; Paul Dyck memorial-\$245; SHYF coffee-\$450;	
SHYF auction-\$50; Youth camps-\$500	\$1,445.00
Total giving May 26, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$4,233.00
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.

