

**“Spirit of Life”
First Mennonite Church
August 18, 2019**

Music calls us to worship	Laura Hartzler
Welcome	Daryl Nester
Announcements	
Prelude	Laura Hartzler
Invocation	
*Opening hymns	Wanda Stopher
*Responsive reading	Psalm 90:1-6, 16-17 (IB)
L: You O God, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. Before the mountains were born, you brought forth the earth and the world;	
C: You are God without beginning or end. You turn humankind back into dust and say: “Go back, creatures of the earth!”	
L: For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.	
C: You sweep us away like a dream, fleeting as the grass that springs up in the morning—in the morning it sprouts, but by evening it has withered and died.	
L: Let your work be seen by your faithful, your glory be witnessed by their children.	
ALL: Let God’s favor be upon us! Grant success to the work of our hands!	
Conversation with friends	Bruce Steingass
	“For the beauty of the earth” HWB 89
	(vs. 1 coming forward and vs. 4 returning to seats)

Community prayer	Wanda Stopher
Scripture	Philippians 1:20-30 Carmen Ordonez Moser
Sermon	“Dying to Live” Theda Good
*Hymn	“Give thanks for life” STJ 108
Presenting our tithes and offerings	
Offertory	Laura Hartzler
*Hymn	“Lord, thou dost love” v. 3 HWB 387
*Prayer of dedication	
*Hymn	“In thee is gladness” HWB 114
*Benediction	
Postlude	
<i>*Please rise in body or in spirit.</i>	
<i>HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story</i>	
<i>Please ask an usher for help locating large print hymnals.</i>	
<i>Today’s worship coordinates with “We Make the Road by Walking,” Chapter 50.</i>	

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.

