

Summer Psalms of Disorientation
First Mennonite Church
August 2, 2020

Welcome and Announcements	John Estell
Prelude	Laura Hartzler
Invocation	
Hymn	<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i> STJ 95
Responsive Reading	Adapted from STS 133
L: To look on God's face, to dwell within the gaze of a destitute child	
P: To see in their eyes flecks of light that will shatter the night	
L: To stand in their slight presence that will tear the world asunder, to bear witness to the ageless story of hope just now in infancy	
P: To find footing along the path of salvation being unfurled, flung far and wide	
L: To hear the mighty voice of God in whisper and to know:	
ALL: Now it begins	
Conversation with Friends	Laurel Neufeld Weaver
Community Prayer	Theda Good

<i>Worlds Apart</i>	Jeff Boehr and Everett Collier	
Scripture	Psalm 74	Victoria Woods-Yee
Sermon	<i>Remembering God</i>	Wanda Stopher
Hymn	<i>Comfort, comfort, O my people</i>	HWB 176
Presenting our Tithes and Offerings		
Prayer of Dedication		
Offertory		Laura Hartzler
Hymn	<i>When long before time</i>	STJ 25
Benediction		
Postlude		

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 July 2020 to date	\$24,811
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.

