

**Sabbath for Us  
First Mennonite Church  
September 15, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome Chris Moser

Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

\*Opening hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" HWB 37

\*Responsive reading Psalm 8:1, 3-4, 6-9 (NRSV)

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**C: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;**

L: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**C: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**ALL: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Conversation with friends Judy Steiner

"If you believe and I believe" STJ 32

Community prayer Theda Good

Special Music "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"  
Chancel Choir Carl F. Mueller

Scripture Psalm 92:1-15 Rita Dietrich  
Mark 3:1-6 Tim Schumacher

Sermon "Delightful Sabbath" Brent Schroeder

\*Hymn "God, who touches earth" HWB 511

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory

Hymn of Dedication "Lord of all good" STJ 60

\*Prayer of dedication

\*Hymn "Heart with loving heart united" HWB 420

\*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 help 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 – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; [wanda@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:wanda@fmcbluffton.org)
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- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Greeter: Susie Gratz

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Kevin Cluts

Nursery today: Judy Diller, Lori Nester

Worship today: Melissa Friesen, Annette Heslep, Grace Pacquin

Nursery next week: Anita & George Lehman

Worship next week: John & Julie Mackey, Sunita Hooley

#### Our stewardship

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| Worship attendance last Sunday   | FMC-166; MC-6 |
| Spending plan giving 9-8-19 (w/e-giving)   | \$9,760.00    |
| Non-spending plan giving 9-8-19 (w/e-giving): MDS-\$100  | \$3,765.90    |
| Sojourners-\$15; Faithful Living-\$5; Freudige-\$10; Kitchen-\$23.90; MCC-\$1,050; College scholarships-\$65; Memorials-\$75; ISAF-\$100 |               |
| Book study-\$52; Capital campaign-\$25; Deacons-\$2,235; Habitat-\$10  |               |
| Total giving Sept. 8, 2019 (includes e-giving)   | \$13,525.90   |
| 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.

