Summer Psalms of Disorientation
First Mennonite Church
August 9, 2020

Welcome and Announcements — John Estell

Prelude — Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

Hymn — *Lift high the cross* — HWB 321

Responsive Reading — Adapted from STS 142

L: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

P: The Holy ONE did come!

L: To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

P: The Holy ONE did come!

L: To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the pain of the world,

P: The Holy ONE did come!

L: Today, to this place, to us,

ALL: The Holy ONE has come!

Conversation with Friends — Laurel Neufeld Weaver

Community Prayer — Wanda Stopher

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

Scripture
Psalm 51 *New Living Translation* — Gloria Hernandez Bucher
Psalm 51 *The Message* — Rich Bucher

Sermon — Pamela Short

Hymn — *From the depths of sin* — *HWB 136*

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory — Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Hymn — *Christ be near at either hand* — STJ 80

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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<u>Our stewardship</u>

Total spending plan giving August 2020 to date	$5,400
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.