

First Mennonite Church
April 18, 2021
Easter tide

Welcome and announcements Wanda Stopher

Prelude *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*
arr. K. Kosche
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

Responsive Reading from I John 3:1-3

One: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Many: And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

One: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

Many: But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

All: All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

VT 298 *What Is the World Like*
Laurel Neufeld Weaver, Ann Kingsley,
Mitch Kingsley, Ray Person

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher

Conversation with Friends Judy Steiner

Scripture Mark 4:21-34

Message *Bloom where you are planted*
Natilee Grover

VT 282 *Come and See*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
arr. E. Butler

VT 832 *The Lord Lift You Up*

Benediction

*HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story;
VT-Voices Together*

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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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.

