

First Mennonite Church
April 25, 2021
Eastertide – Music Sunday

Music *Amazing Grace (Newton)*
Kendra Gott, voice

Welcome and announcements Natilee Grover

Music *Could It Be That God Is Singing (Southern Harmony)*
Lois Wetherill, dulcimer

Invocation

Music *My Soul Cries Out (Cooney)*
Kathy Dickson, harp

Responsive Reading from I John 3:16-24

One: We know love by this, that Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Many: How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

One: Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Many: And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

One: Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

All: and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

Music *This is how we know (1 John 3:16)*
Beloved, let us love one another (1 John 4:7-8)
Louise Matthews, guitar and voice

Music *Für Elise (Beethoven)*
Jorian Mast, piano

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher

Music *What A Friend We Have In Jesus (Converse)*
Xavier Diller, piano

Conversation with Friends Steve and Carrie Phillips
Scripture Psalm 23 & John 10:11-18

Music *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (Rowan)*
Sara Brenner, voice; LuAnn Stuckey, piano

Sharing Mark Suderman

Music Medley: *We Shall Walk Through the Valley and O Thou, in Whose Presence*

Jeff Boehr, Jeff Lugibihl, Doug Luginbill, Darryl Nester, Ray Raeburn

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Medley: *How Great Thou Art and Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Brass Quartet: Rich Bucher, Ron Headings,
Don Hooley, Sally Weaver Sommer

VT 83 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

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.

