

First Mennonite Church
May 16, 2021
Eastertide

Welcome and announcements Victoria Woods-Yee

Prelude *Preludio, from Sonata opus 5, no. 8*
 Arcangelo Corelli
 Mark Suderman, recorder; Elaine Suderman, piano

Invocation

Call to worship (based on I John 5:9-13)
One: We believe people when they say something is true. But what God says is more important.
Many: And this is what God told us: Our Heavenly Parent told us the truth about the Son.
One: Whoever believes in the Son of God has the truth that God told us.
Many: This is what God told us: Our Creator has given us eternal life, and this life is in the Son.
All: Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

VT 9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*
 Elaine Suderman, Beth Boehr, Jeff Boehr, Gerald Mast

Community Prayer Jeff Boehr

Conversation with Friends Hans and Linda Houshower
Scripture John 17:6-19

Message Wanda Stopher

VT 390 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory *Sarabanda, from Sonata opus 5, no. 8*
 Arcangelo Corelli
 Mark Suderman, recorder; Elaine Suderman, piano

VT 831 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Benediction

HWB-Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ-Sing the Journey; STS-Sing the Story; VT-Voces 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.

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817
419-358-5766 | fmclubffton.org | Office closed due to coronavirus, staff
working from home

Church Staff

- **Pastor Wanda Stopher – WFH Monday-Thursday, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmclubffton.org**
- **Pastor Jeff Boehr – WFH Tuesday & Friday; 419-236-9150; jeff@fmclubffton.org**
- **Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, Zooming M-F, 419-230-1568, mastc@bluffton.edu**
- **Director of Music – Mark Suderman, WFH 419-230-5368; sudermanme@bluffton.edu**
- **Administrative Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, WFH M-F, 9-4, fmc@fmclubffton.org**

Video editor: Ray Raeburn

Sound: Chris Moser

Camera: Glen Buller

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.

