

First Mennonite Church  
May 23, 2021  
Pentecost -- Youth Sunday

Welcome and announcements John-Paul Yoder

Prelude *Concerto No.5 1<sup>st</sup> mov. (F. Seitz)*  
Ben Hartzler, violin

Invocation

Call to Worship from Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

One: Lord, you have done so many things!

You made them all so wisely!

**Many: The earth is full of your creations!**

One: And then there's the sea, wide and deep,  
with its countless creatures—

**Many: living things both small and large.**

One: There go the ships on it,  
and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

**Many: All your creations wait for you  
to give them their food on time.**

One: When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

**Many: But when you hide your face,  
they are terrified;**

One: when you take away their breath,

**Many: they die and return to dust.**

One: When you let loose your breath, they are created,

**Many: and you make the surface of the ground brand-new  
again.**

One: Let the Lord's glory last forever!

**Many: Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!**

**All: Let my whole being bless the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

Opening Hymn *Holy Spirit, come with power* VT 57

Scripture Acts 2:1-21  
Ethan Nickel, Landon Novak, Kendra Gott, readers  
Ben Hartzler & Theo Andreas, violins

Conversation with Friends Ellie Nickel & Carrie Mast

*3rd Grade Bible Presentation*  
*Barrett Benroth & Leah Niekamp*

Key Chain Presentation

*Carter Dyar, Ben Hartzler, Ellie Nickel, Allison Diller,  
Landon Novak, Elam Suter*

Community Prayer Ellie Nickel

Meditation Carrie Mast  
Senior Statements Carter Dyar & Jacob Suter  
& Senior Bible Presentation

Hymn of Response *Go in grace and make disciples* VT 766  
*Theo Andreas, Ben Hartzler, Ellie Hartzler, Ellie Nickel, John-Paul Yoder*

Dedication Prayer Elam Suter  
Offertory *Festival March* (F. Mazas)  
Theo Andreas & Ben Hartzler, violins

Hymn of Sending *There are many gifts* VT 374

Benediction Ethan Nickel

*VT-Voices Together*

*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.*

