

First Mennonite Church
The Gospel According to Water
June 20, 2021

Welcome and announcements Darryl Nester

Prelude *Hail, O Source of Blessing* (B. Culli)
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

*VT 442 *From the Waters I Will Rise*

Water Reflection Lynn Miller

*Responsive Reading from selected verses from Psalm 104

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

Many: You set the earth on its foundations, -so that it shall never be shaken.

One: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Many: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

One: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

Many: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

One: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

Many: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

All: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Conversation with Friends Carrie Mast

Community Prayer Jeff Boehr

Scripture Genesis 26:18-25; Mark 4:35-41
Rhonda Winstead

Message *Always Moving*
Carrie Mast

*VT 703 *Rain Down*

Offertory *Moderato* (R. Glière)
LuAnn Stuckey

*VT 680 *Calm Me, Lord*

*Benediction

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

