

First Mennonite Church
The Gospel According to Garden
June 6, 2021

Welcome and announcements Chris Moser

Prelude *Joyous Day* (J. Leavitt)
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

VT 175 *Planets Humming as They Wander*
Elaine Suderman

Garden Reflection Gary Wetherill

Responsive Reading from Psalm 104:31-35
One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
Many: may the Lord rejoice in his works –
One: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
Many: who touches the mountains and they smoke.
One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
Many: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
One: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
Many: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Conversation with Friends Carrie Mast

Community Prayer Wanda Stopher

Scripture Romans 8:18-27; Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 15
Ruth Naylor

Message *To serve or to deserve*
Wanda Stopher

VT 145 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Offertory *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (arr. R. Hartsell)
LuAnn Stuckey

VT 180 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

Benediction

Postlude

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.

