

**First Mennonite Church  
The Gospel According to Wind  
July 18, 2021**

Welcome and announcements Melissa Friesen

Prelude *O God of God, O Light of Light* (arr. J. Blersch)  
LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

\*VT 373 *As the Wind Song through the Trees*

Wind Reflection Bret Stopher

\*Responsive Reading (selected verses from Psalm 104)  
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

**Many: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

**Many: you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,**

One: you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

**Many: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Child Dedication Adam, Sarah and Carter Phillips  
Isaac, Trustworthy and Keagan Schumacher

Scripture Genesis 1:1-2; 1 Kings 19:1-12  
Psalm 104: 29-30; Matthew 14:22-33  
Gary Wetherill

Message *Living With the Wind*  
Jeff Boehr

\*VT 377 *New Earth, Heavens New*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory *O Living Breath of God* (arr. N. Raabe)  
LuAnn Stuckey

\*VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

\*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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