

**First Mennonite Church**  
**The Gospel According to Sun and Moon**  
**July 4, 2021**

Welcome and announcements Ron Headings  
Prelude *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* (arr. J. Blersch)  
LuAnn Stuckey  
Invocation  
\*VT 81 *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* (vv 1-4)  
Sun and Moon Reflection Steve Harnish  
\*Responsive Reading (selected verses from Psalm 104)  
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, you are very great.  
**Many: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**  
One: You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.  
**Many: The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**  
One: When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.  
**Many: People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**  
One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
**Many: who looks on the earth and it trembles, touches the mountains and they smoke.**  
**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Community Prayer Gloria Hernandez-Bucher  
*I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* Amos Herr  
Monica and Steve Harnish (violin and recorder)  
Scripture Genesis 1:14-19; Romans 8:18-27  
Fran Core  
Message *Sun, Moon, and Stars*  
Wanda Stopher  
\*HWB 47 *Earth and all stars*  
Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* (arr. R. Hartsell)  
LuAnn Stuckey  
\*VT 810 *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

\*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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