

**First Mennonite Church
The Gospel According to Rocks
August 15, 2021**

Welcome and announcements	Rich Bucher
Prelude	Jackie Wyse Rhodes
Invocation	
*Opening Hymn	VT 63 Like a Rock (sing twice)
Community Prayer	Jeff Boehr
Dedication Prayer	
Offertory	Jackie Wyse Rhodes
Scripture	Joshua 4:1-7; Matthew 16:13-18; Luke 19:37-40 JP Schumacher
Message	Remembering, Affirming, Praising Lamar Nisly

*Hymn of Response	VT 563 <i>Come, Thou Fount</i>
Invitation to Communion	
Bread	
Cup	
Communion Music	Wendy Chappell-Dick
Aint no Rock	Black Gospel
I will Call upon the Lord	Michael O'Shields
Hosanna	Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice
His Banner over Us is Love	Camp Song
*Hymn of Sending	VT 812 <i>Sent Forth by God's Blessings</i>

*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.

