

**First Mennonite Church
The Gospel According to Sabbath
August 29, 2021**

Welcome and announcements Victoria Woods-Yee

Prelude *“Lasst Uns Erfreuen” arr. J. Blersch*
(based on VT 81 & 270) LuAnn Stuckey

Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 42 *Could It Be That God Is Singing*

*Responsive Reading selected verses from Psalm 104

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,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Many: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

One: Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Praise the Lord!

Conversation with Friends

Carrie Mast

Community Prayer

Adam Philips

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3; Colossians 3:16
Mitch Kinsley

Message

The Gospel According to Sabbath
Wanda Stopher

*Hymn of Response

VT 605 *My Life Flows On*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. R. Hartsel
(based on VT 549) LuAnn Stuckey

Thanksgiving Litany (*see insert*)

Doug Luginbill

Parting Agreement

Elizabeth Kelly

*Hymn of Sending

VT 747 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

*Benediction

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*VT - Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)
HWB - Hymnal: A Worship Book (Blue Bound Book)
STJ - Sing the Journey (Green Spiral Book)
STS - Sing the Story (Purple Spiral Book)*

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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- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

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Sound: Chris Gott

Chancel: Wendy Chappell-Dick



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.