

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Ken Shenk

Prelude Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 716 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

Many: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One: Day to day pours forth speech,

Many: and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

Many: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

All: and their words to the end of the world.

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Friends Carrie Mast & Walt Paquin

Hymn VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me* (sing as children come forward and return to their seats)

Education (Litany see insert)

Community Prayer Ruth Naylor

Scripture Proverbs 1:20-33, James 3:1-12

Jan Wiebe

Message

Speaking in Wisdom

Ray Person

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response

VT 144 *God, Give Me Time*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory

Sending

*Hymn of Sending

VT 549 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

Postlude

**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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- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00am-3:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm

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- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

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Sound: Kevin Cluts

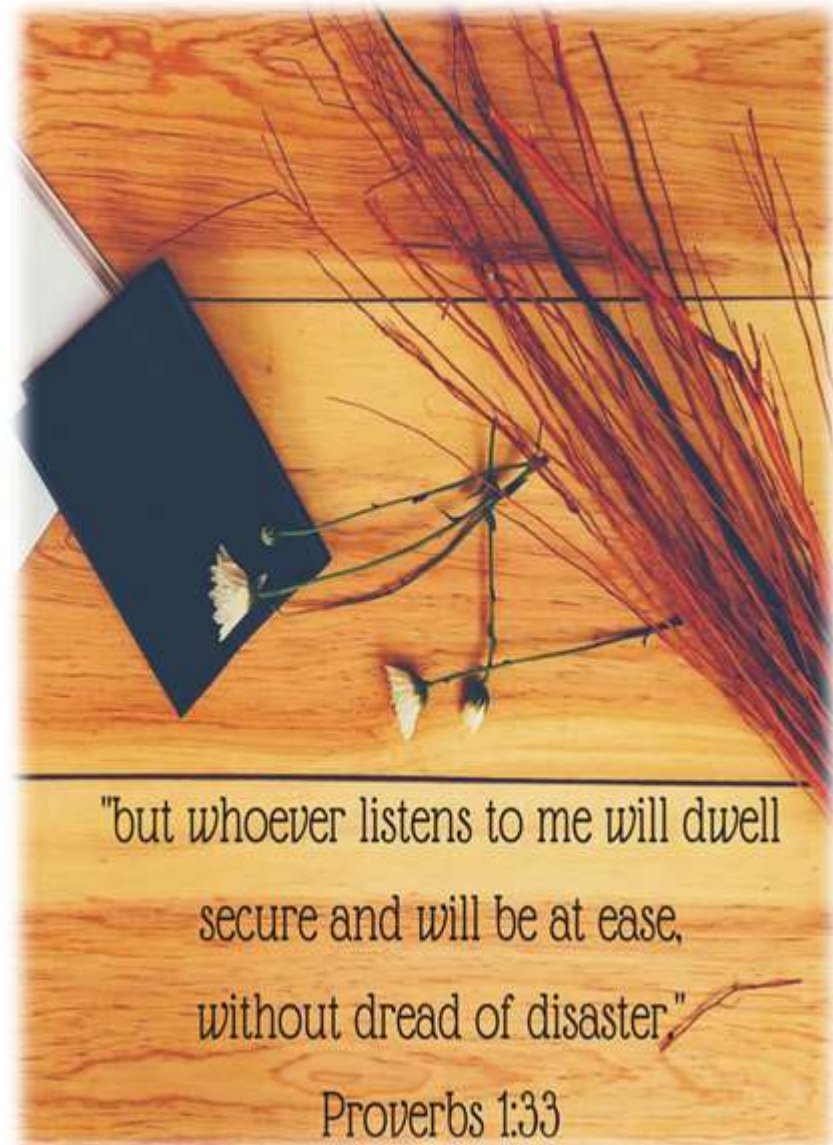
Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery Care:

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

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"but whoever listens to me will dwell
secure and will be at ease,
without dread of disaster"

Proverbs 1:33