

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Ken Shenk

Prelude Prelude in D-flat Major (*F. Chopin*)
Ken Graber

Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 399 *The Word of God Is Solid Ground*

*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 1

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

Many: or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers;

One: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

Many: and on his law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Many: which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: In all that they do, they prosper.

Telling God's Story

Conversation with Friends Anne Marie Spelman

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

Community Prayer Jeff Boehr

Scripture James 3:13-18, Mark 9:30-37
Elizabeth Kelly

Message

True Greatness
Gloria Hernandez Bucher

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response VT 778 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Prelude in C Major (*J. S. Bach*)
Ken Graber

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 517 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

*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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Office Hours

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

Jeff Boehr:

- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

Video: Ray Raeburn

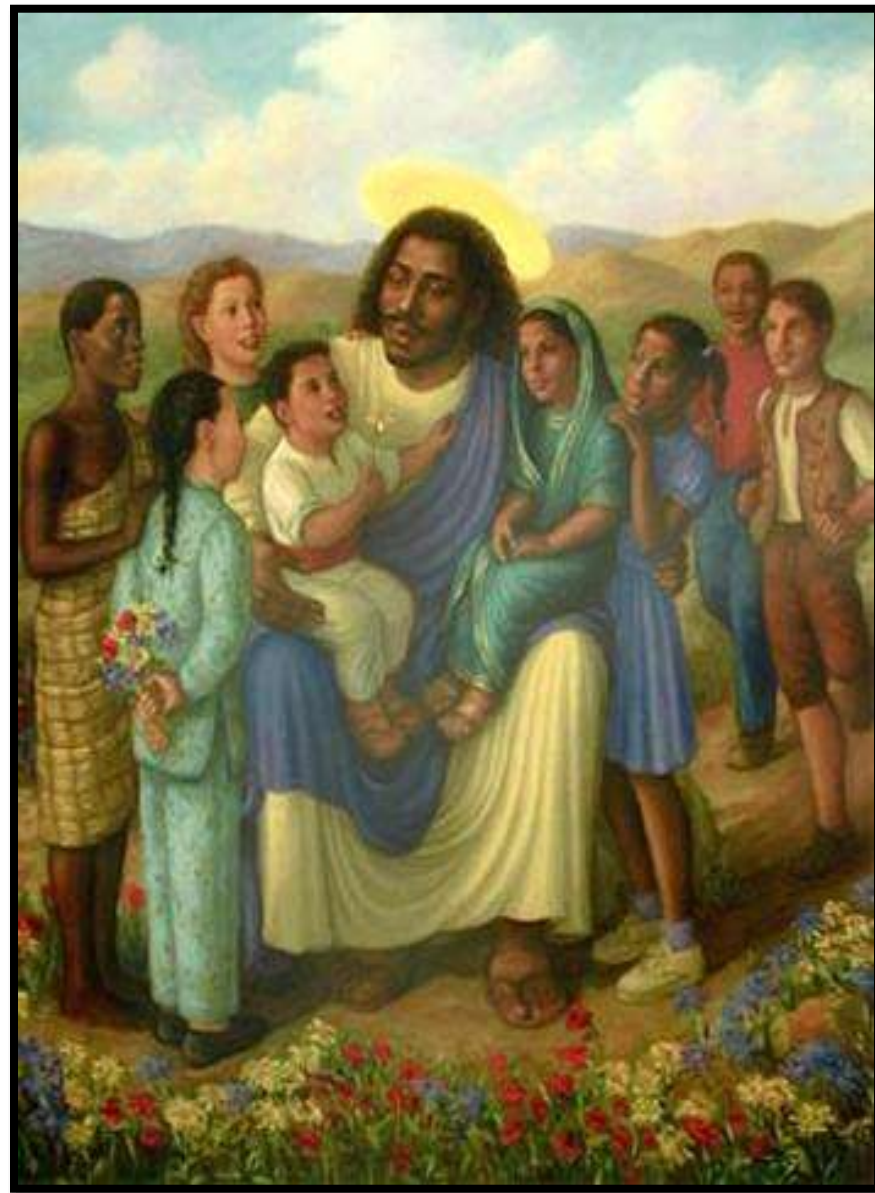
Sound: Chris Moser

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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Reported volunteer hours: 2