

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Gerald Mast
Prelude *Thy Strong Word* (Williams/Hildebrand)
LuAnn Stuckey
Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 76 Holy, Holy, Holy!

*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 124

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

**Many: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**

One: then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

**Many: then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**

One: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Many: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Telling God's Story

Special Music *With a Voice of Singing* (Martin Shaw)
Chancel Choir

Conversation with Friends Anne Marie Spelman
Hymn VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me* (sing as children come forward and
return to their seats)

Community Prayer Steve Harnish

Scripture Esther 2:5-9; James 5:13-16 Pat Sheidler

Message *Righteous Scoundrels* Lynn Miller

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response VT 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Dedication Prayer

Offering
Words of Invitation
Offertory *Take My Life and Let It Be* (Havergal/Culli)
Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 717 Renew Your Church

*Benediction

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Dykes/Culli)

**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

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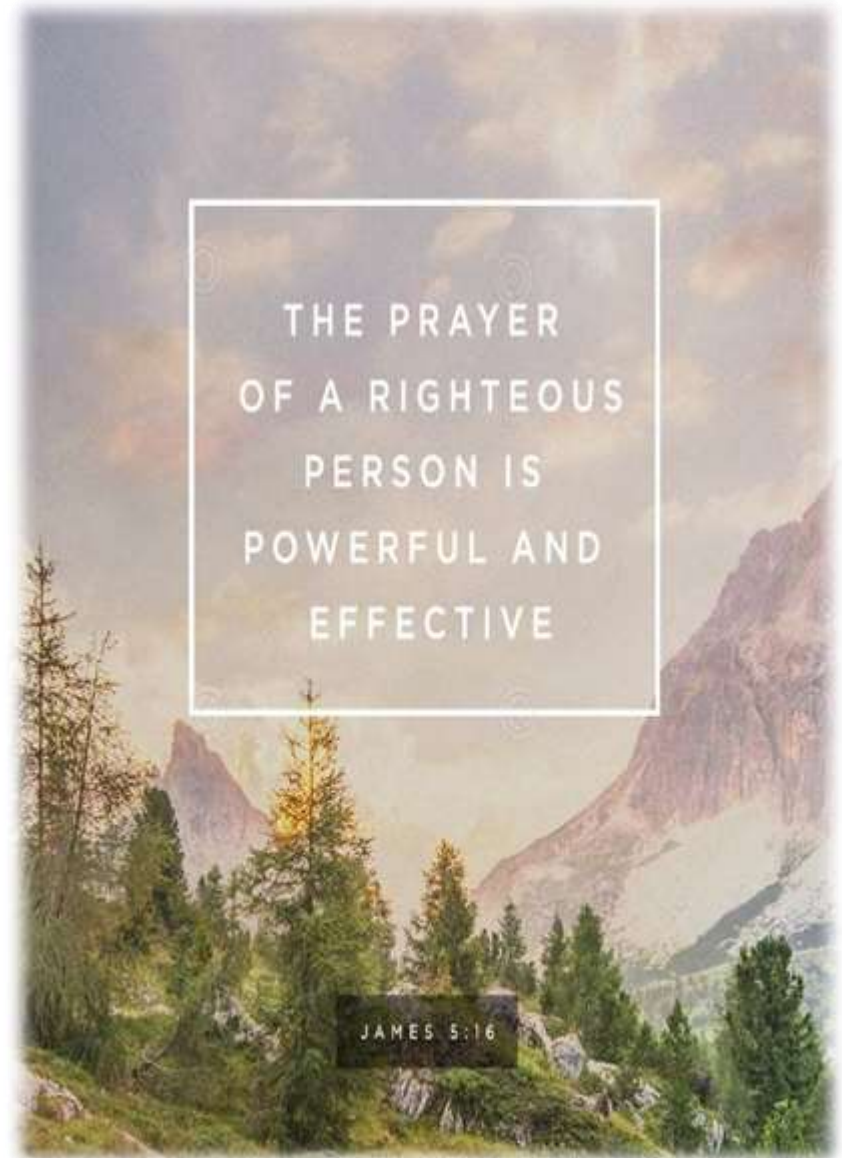
Sound: Melissa Friesen

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: 56