

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and announcements Ken Shenk  
Prelude *O God of Heaven and Earth* (J. Bender/D. Busarow)  
LuAnn Stuckey  
Invocation  
\*Opening Hymn VT 156 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
\*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 125  
One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
**Many: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.**  
One: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.  
**Many: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**  
**All: Peace be upon Israel!**  
Conversation with Friends Carrie Mast & Amber Steiner  
Community Prayer Gloria Hernandez Bucher  
Scripture Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-13  
Barb Stettler  
Message *Mercy Triumphs*  
Doug Luginbill  
\*Hymn of Response VT 693 *Khudaya, rahem kar*  
(Doug will sing verses 1-3 in Urdu, then the congregation will sing both Urdu and English verses)

Dedication Prayer  
Offertory *Song of Faith* (J. Kuhnau)  
LuAnn Stuckey  
Blessing Shelby Cluts  
\*Hymn of Sending VT 616 *Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord*  
\*Benediction  
Postlude *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (L. Tourjee)  
LuAnn Stuckey

*\*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*

**Doug Luginbill is married to Paula and they have two adult children, Jonathan, married to Kara Marang, and Carissa. Having served three Mennonite churches (FMC Bluffton from 1996-2002) and three Mennonite institutions, Doug has observed both the beauty and the brokenness of systems that seek to reflect Christ's presence and foster God's shalom on earth as it is in heaven. He observes that the church and its institutions must continue to be open to ongoing transformation so that God's justice and mercy triumph. Gardening, long walks around Bluffton with Paula, hiking in the mountains, and spending time with family gives him joy.**

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#### Church Staff

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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:** Art Shelly

**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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