

Signs of Hope

Gathering

- Welcome and announcements George Lehman
- Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
(K. Thomerson/arr. S. Glick)
LuAnn Stuckey
- Invocation
- *Opening Hymn VT 715 *Longing for Light*
- *Responsive Reading - based on Micah 6:8
- One: The Lord has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you?
- Many: To do justice.**
- One: And what does the Lord require of you?
- Many: To love kindness.**
- One: And what does the Lord require of you?
- Many: To walk humbly with our God.**

Telling God's Story

- Conversation with Friends Theo Wiebe Andreas and Jan Wiebe
Hymn VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me* (sing as children come forward and
return to their seats)
- Scripture Luke 4:18-19 Doug Luginbill
- Bail Reform Jan Wiebe / Taylor Pennington
- Community Prayer Ken Shenk
- Death Penalty Abolition Mark Suderman
- Special Music *Healing River of the Spirit* (Sally Ann Morris) - VT 642
Chancel Choir

- Reading *Trouble I've Seen* by Drew Hart Ellie Nickel
- Black Lives Matter Artwork Tajah Upshaw & Flor Avilez Escoto

Living God's Story

- *Hymn of Response VT 770 *God Is Working This Purpose Out*
- Offering
- Words of Invitation
- Offertory *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (R. Hartsel)
- Dedication Prayer

Sending

- *Hymn of Sending *One Foot/Lead with Love* (see insert)
- *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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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: Chris Gott

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.

9/26/21 - 10/3/21

Reported volunteer hours: 47

First Mennonite Church October 10, 2021



This sidewalk mural was designed and painted by members of Bluffton University’s Multicultural Student Organization. The color scheme is intended to indicate broad inclusiveness. Its position on a major walkway allows most students to cross it once or twice a day.