

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

- Welcome and announcements Kevin Cluts
- Prelude *Two Preludes* (F. Chopin) Ken Graber
- Invocation
- *Opening Hymn VT 28 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
- *Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 104
- One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Many: O Lord my God, you are very great.
- One: You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Many: wrapped in light as with a garment.
- One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
Many: In wisdom you have made them all.
- All: Praise the Lord!**

Telling God's Story

- Conversation with Friends Jeff Gundy
- Hymn VT 516 *Jesus Loves Me* (sing as children come forward and return to their seats)
- Special Music Cherubs Choir
- Community Prayer Jeff Boehr
- Scripture Job 38:1–40:5
Fran Core, Mary Ina Hooley, Rita Dietrich
- Message Ostrich eggs and Mountain goats
Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Living God's Story

- *Hymn of Response VT 175 *Planets Humming as They Wander*
- Offering
- Words of Invitation
- Offertory *Nocturne* (F. Poulenc)
- Dedication Prayer

Sending

- *Hymn of Sending VT 436 *How Great Thou Art*
- *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: 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.

10/3/21 - 10/10/21

Reported volunteer hours: 32.5

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