

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome and announcements Walt Paquin
Prelude *Foundation - Variation II* (Folk melody/arr. J. Eggert)
LuAnn Stuckey
Invocation

*Opening Hymn VT 7 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

*Responsive Reading - selected verses from Psalm 26

One: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

Many: and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

One: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;

Many: test my heart and mind.

One: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

Many: and I walk in faithfulness to you.

All: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Telling God's Story

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

Special Music *Psalm of Hope* (Andrea Ramsey)

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid? You are my hope, O God, my rock, my refuge. In

You, I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed
Chancel Choir

Dedication of Jonah David Hilty Elizabeth Kelly

Parents: Cory and Emily Hilty

Grandparents: Mike and Deb Hilty

Jesse and Susan Huxman

Community Prayer Adam Phillips

Scripture Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (NRSV Translation)
Kevin King

Message *Seeing Jesus* Gerald Mast

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response VT 418 *From the Parent's Heart, the Firstborn*

Offering

Words of Invitation

Offertory *The Church's One Foundation*
(Wesley/arr. A.K. Organ)

Dedication Prayer

Sending

*Hymn of Sending VT 377 *New Earth, Heavens New*

*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: Kevin Cluts

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: 43

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