

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

### *Gathering*

Welcome and announcements                      Victoria Woods-Yee  
Ministry Minute    Rich Bucher  
Prelude    Jackie Wyse-Rhodes  
Invocation

\*Opening Hymn                      VT 101 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns*

\*Responsive Reading - selected verses from 1 Samuel 2

One:     My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is  
            exalted in my God.

**Many:   There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one  
            besides you;**

**All:     *there is no Rock like our God.***

One:     He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the  
            needy from the ash heap,

**Many:   to make them sit with princes and inherit a  
            seat of honor.**

One:     The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

**Many:   he will give strength to his king,**

**All:     *and exalt the power of his anointed.***

### *Telling God's Story*

Special Music                      Cry Out and Shout (Knut Nystedt)  
*Cry out and shout, ye people of God. The Lord is strength and song.  
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.*  
Adapted from Isaiah 12                                      Chancel Choir

Conversation with Friends                                      Judy Steiner  
Hymn VT 512 *Let the Children Come to Me* (sing as children  
come forward and return to their seats)

Community Prayer    Adam Phillips

Scripture    Psalm 16 & Mark 13: 1-8  
Ellie Hartzler & Makayla Suter

Message                                      *The Fullness of Joy at the end of This World*  
Jenna Liechty Martin

### *Living God's Story*

\*Hymn of Response                                      VT 412 *My Soul Cries Out*

Offering  
Words of Invitation  
Offertory  
Dedication Prayer

### *Sending*

\*Hymn of Sending                                      VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*  
Jan Wiebe and Theo Andreas, instrumentalists

\*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*



Welcome to  
**First Mennonite Church**

November 14, 2021

First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817  
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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

**Pastor Jeff Boehr**

- Wednesday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Video:** Ray Raeburn

**Sound:** Chris Moser

**Chancel:** Anita Lehman

**Nursery Care:** Pat Sheidler, Gerald Mast, Andrea Goings

*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.*

10/31/21 - 11/7/21

Reported Volunteer hours: 33

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IN YOUR PRESENCE

PSALM 16:11