

Summer Psalms of Disorientation
First Mennonite Church
July 12, 2020

Welcome and Announcements		Doug Luginbill
Prelude	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	Arr. Lorie Line Laura Hartzler
Invocation		
Hymn	<i>In the rifted Rock I'm resting</i>	HWB 526
Responsive Reading		From HWB 661
	L: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.	
	P: We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way.	
	L: We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.	
	P: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.	
	ALL: Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.	
	AMEN	
Conversation with Friends		Judy Buller
Community Prayer		Elysia Bush
Jubilate	<i>I will sing of the mercies of the Lord</i>	James M. Fillmore

Scripture	Psalm 13	Melissa Friesen
Sermon	<i>Form of Presence</i>	Wanda Stopher
Hymn	<i>O Christ, the healer</i>	HWB 379
Presenting our Tithes and Offerings		
Prayer of Dedication		
Offertory	<i>This is my Father's World</i>	Arr. Lorie Line
Hymn	<i>O healing river</i>	HWB 372
Benediction		
Postlude		

HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ Sing the Journey, STS Sing the Story

Parts of our service were pre-recorded. Participants are following safe-distancing practices.

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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Our stewardship

Total spending plan giving July 2020 to date \$5, 520

Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan \$37,136

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.

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I bear pain^[a] in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.