

**First Mennonite Church**  
**The Gospel According to Livestock**  
**July 11, 2021**

Welcome and announcements Ron Headings  
Prelude *Prelude No. 18 in F# Major* (Robert Vandall)  
Laura Hartzler  
Invocation  
VT 182 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Livestock Reflection Walt Paquin  
\*Responsive Reading (selected verses from Psalm 104)  
One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you  
have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
**Many: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants  
for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,**  
One: and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the  
face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.  
**Many: O Lord, how manifold are your works!**  
**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**  
*I am a Promise* Bill Gaither  
Anna Hartzler, vocalist; Ben Hartzler, ukelele

Conversation with Friends Carrie and Jorian Mast  
Community Prayer Wanda Stopher  
Scripture Numbers 22:22-40  
Todd Rainey  
Message *The Gospel According to Livestock*  
Ray Person  
VT 98 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Offertory *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Arr. Richard Kingsmore  
Laura Hartzler  
VT 827 *Move In Our Midst*

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*HWB - Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ - Sing the Journey; STS - Sing the Story; VT - Voices Together*

*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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