

**First Mennonite Church  
November 17, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome and Announcements Wanda Stopher

Prelude

Invocation

\*Hymn "New earth, heavens new" HWB 299

\*Responsive Reading Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

L: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

**P: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and C of our faith**

L: who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**P: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;**

**All: for indeed our God is a consuming fire.**

Chancel Choir "The Ground" Ola Gjeilo

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,*

*Grant us peace.*

Conversation with friends Laurel Neufeld Weaver  
"Lord, we bring to you our children" STJ 90  
(vs. 1, coming forward; vs. 2, returning to seats)

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Scripture Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5 John Rich

Sermon "A Lifetime of Becoming" Glen Miller

\*Hymn "Breathe on me, breath of God" HWB 356

All Saints Remembrance

\*Hymn "Praise God from whom" HWB 118

\*Benediction

Postlude

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

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

*Please ask an usher for large print hymnals.*

*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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Greeter: Gary Wetherill

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Nursery today: Laura & Greg Hartzler

Worship today: Kendra & Ellie Nickel, Ana Neufeld Weaver

Nursery next week: Anita & George Lehman

Worship today: Kevin Cluts, Kathy Dickson, Patrick Estell

#### Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-178, MC-8
Volunteer hours	99.5
Spending plan giving 11-10-19 (w/e-giving)	\$10,555.49
Non-spending plan giving 11-10-19 (w/e-giving): MPS-\$20	\$630.25
Sojourners, \$80; Kitchen-\$110.25; Deacons-\$170; Habitat-\$10	
MDS-\$120; Capital campaign-\$30;; Workshop-\$90	
Total giving 11-10-19 (includes e-giving)	\$11,815.74
2019 spending plan	\$431,854.00



*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.*