Non-violence Speaks First Mennonite Church November 3, 2019

Music calls us to worship LuAnn Stuckey

Welcome and Announcements Patrick Estell

Prelude "All Depends on Our Possessing God's Grace"

arr. K. Kosche

Invocation

*Opening hymn "Beloved, God's chosen" STJ 38

*Responsive reading Proverbs 4:1-5 (IB)
L: Listen, my children, to a parent's lesson; listen closely, and gain insight.

C: I offer you sound teaching—don't squander it.

L: Once upon a time I too was a child in my parents' home—a sensitive child, and the darling of my mother.

C: My parents taught me well: "Keep these words in your heart," they said. "For your life's sake don't reject our principles.

L: Don't forget them, and never wander from our words.

ALL: Grow in discernment! Grow in Wisdom!"

Cherub Choir "The Gospel Train" African American Spiritual Ben Hartzler, banjo

Conversation with friends

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

(vs. 1, coming forward; vs. 2, returning to seats)

Chancel Choir "Grant Peace, We Pray" Felix Mendelssohn

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture I Samuel 25: 2-35 Jeff Boehr

Sermon "Humility Rules" Wanda Stopher

*Hymn "Will you let me be your servant" HWB 307

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. J. Blersch
*Hymn "As saints of old" vs. 1 HWB 386
*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn "Who now would follow Christ" HWB 535

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.

^{*}Benediction

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Church Staff

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Greeter: Bill and Mary Ann Suter

Chancel: Anita Lehman Sound: Chris Moser

Nursery today: Shelby Cluts, Judy Diller

Worship today: Amy Blount & Jeff Shadbolt, Ben Hartzler

Nursery next week: Judy Buller, Mary Ina Hooley

Worship today: Wendy Chappell Dick & Amy Freeman, Sunita Hooley

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-150
Volunteer hours	69
Spending plan giving 10-27-19 (w/e-giving)	\$2,173.00
Non-spending plan giving 10-27-19 (w/e-giving): JHY-\$20; SHY-\$40;	
Kitchen-\$6; Deacons-\$265; Building fund-\$100; BFR rental-\$500;	
Rejoice subscriptions-\$103.20; Workshop-\$15	\$1,049.20
Total giving 10-27-19 (includes e-giving)	\$4,271.40
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.



Grow Nonviolence In Thoughts, Words, Deeds