

**Easter 4
First Mennonite Church
May 3, 2020**

Welcome and Announcements Jeff Boehr

Prelude *In Thee Is Gladness* LuAnn Stuckey
Gastoldi/setting by K.T. Kosche

Invocation

*Hymn *Thine is the glory* HWB 269

*Responsive Reading Psalm 23
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L: O God, you are my shepherd; I shall not be in want. You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

P: You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

L: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

ALL: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

Conversation with Friends Jan Wiebe

Chancel Choir *O thou in whose presence*
arr. J. Harold Moyer

Wendy Chappell-Dick, guitar and Jan Wiebe, flute

Scripture John 10:1-10 Jonathan Andreas

Community Prayer Theda Good

Scripture Psalm 23 Sophia Gott

Sermon *Reversals* Wanda Stopher

*Hymn of Response *God of the Bible* STJ 27

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. A.L. Page

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* HWB 355

*Benediction

Postlude *Hymn to Joy*
Beethoven/setting by J.W. Kerr

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

Parts of this service are 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 April 2020 to date \$26,022

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.

