

Summer Psalms Series – Introduction
First Mennonite Church
June 7, 2020

Welcome and Announcements		Shelby Cluts
Prelude	<i>Impromptu No. 3</i> Julian Harnish	Schubert
Invocation		
Hymn	<i>Blessed Jesus, at your word</i>	HWB 13
Responsive Reading		From HWB 725
	L: God of guidance, quicken your Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds so we may follow what is right.	
	P: Give us direction so we may know which way to choose and which to refuse;	
	L: which course to claim and which to reject;	
	P: which action to take and which to avoid.	
	L: Enlighten our minds, purify our hearts, strengthen our wills,	
	ALL: and lead us to live as faithful followers of Jesus all the days of our lives.	
Conversation with Friends		Jeff Gundy
Community Prayer		Theda Good
Marlyce and Jeff Gundy	<i>Wings of the Dawn</i>	Sierra Hull

Testimony		Gerald Mast
Scripture	Psalm 1	Linda Suter
Sermon	<i>Tree Story</i>	Wanda Stopher
Hymn	<i>I saw a tree by the riverside</i>	STS 116
Presenting our Tithes and Offerings		
Prayer of Dedication		
Offertory	<i>Like Trees by The Stream</i>	Inspired by Psalm 1
Composed and played by Julian Harnish		
Hymn	<i>O God, thou faithful God</i>	HWB 376
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Hidden Life</i>	
Composed and played by Julian Harnish		

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 May 2020 to date \$29,830

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.

