

**“Spirit of Service”
First Mennonite Church
July 21, 2019**

Music calls us to worship Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

Welcome Tig Intagliata

Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

*Opening hymns Jackie Wyse Rhodes

*Responsive reading Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

L: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

C: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

L: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

C: Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

L: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

ALL: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Conversation with friends Carrie Mast

“Like a tender breath, stirring” STS 106

(refrain/verse 1/refrain, with no interlude, & refrain/verse 2/refrain)

Special music “He’ll Hold to My Hand” Carroll Roberson
Beth and Jeff Boehr, Wendy Chappell-Dick

Community prayer Theda Good

Scripture James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:16-18 Readers Theater
Chris Gott, Fran Core, Patrick Estell

Sermon “Jesus’ Servants = Love, Truth, Compassion and Action”
JP Schumacher

*Hymn “Teach me thy truth” HWB 548

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory Jackie Wyse-Rhodes

*Hymn “Grant us, Lord, the grace” HWB 388

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn “Sent forth by God’s blessing” HWB 478

*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 help locating large print hymnals.

Today’s worship coordinates with “We Make the Road by Walking,” Chapter 46.

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

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – On sabbatical, returning August 1
- Pastor Theda Good – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org (new e-mail address)
- Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu
- Director of Music – Mark Suderman, 419-230-5368 (cell); sudermanme@bluffton.edu
- Administrative Assistant – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@bluffton.edu
- Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed

Host: Ruth Naylor

Greeter: Fran Core

Sound: Melissa Friesen

Chancel: Anita Lehman

Nursery: Melissa Friesen

Worship: Amy Freeman, Bruce Steingass, Kendra Gott

Nursery next week: Monica Harnish, Carmen Ordenez

Worship: Amy Blount & Andrea Goings, Ben Hartzler

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-176, MC-5
Volunteer hours last week	37
Spending plan giving July 14, 2019 (with e-giving)	\$7,931.00
Non-spending plan giving July 14, 2019 (with e-giving):	
Kitchen-\$3; SHY silent auction-\$60; Deacons benevolent-\$100;	
MDS-\$200; Capital campaign-\$55; Freudige-\$30; Habitat-\$10	\$458.00
Total giving July 14, 2019 (includes e-giving)	\$8,389.00
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.

