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Summer Psalms of New Orientation First Mennonite Church August 30, 2020

Welcome and Announcements	John Estell
Prelude	<i>The Swan</i> Saint Saens Lucas Harnish, piano; Wendy Chappell-Dick, cello
Invocation	
Hymn	<i>God is our refuge and strength</i> STJ 26
Responsive Reading	From HWB 756 L: O God, for too long the world has called us to war, and our dead lie sprawled across the bleeding centuries. P: But you break the bow and shatter the spear, calling us to sow the seeds of peace in the midst of despair. L: In tenderness, may we take the tiniest sprouts and plant them where they can safely grow into blossoms of hope.
Conversation with Friends	Linda Headings
<i>The King of Love</i>	Jeff and Marlyce Gundy Traditional Irish tune, words by Henry Baker
Community Prayer	Theda Good

Scripture	Psalm 46 Kendra Gott, Claire Phillips, Ellie Hartzler
Sermon	<i>God's Big Idea</i> Wanda Stopher
Hymn	<i>God of our strength</i> HWB 36
Presenting our Tithes and Offerings	
Prayer of Dedication	
Offertory	<i>Lord Listen to Your Children Praying</i> Ken Medema, arr. Lucas Harnish
Hymn	<i>Oh, have you not heard</i> HWB 606
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>The Tempest Sonata (3rd mov.)</i> Beethoven Lucas 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 August 2020 to date	\$21,015
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.



