Sabbath for Creation
First Mennonite Church
September 29, 2019

Music calls us to worship — Laura Hartzler

Welcome — Rhonda Winstead

Announcements

Prelude — "Sing little children, sing" — Cherub Choir

Invocation

*Opening hymn — "All creatures of our God and King" (verses 1-4) — HWB 48

*Responsive reading — Psalm 19:1-9 adapted (NRSV)

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

C: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun… Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

C: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

L: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

ALL: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Special Music — "The Heavens are Telling" — F.J. Haydn
Chancel Choir; Elaine Suderman, Jeff Boehr, John Estell, soloists

Conversation with friends — Carrie Mast and Wanda Stopher
"If you believe and I believe" — STJ 32
Presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders
Congregation: We promise to read these words with you, to listen to your questions, to share our ideas, and be honest about our doubts. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Community prayer — Theda Good

Scripture — Deuteronomy 5:12-15 — Gary Wetherill

Sermon — "Sabbath Rest for Creation" — Ray Person

*Hymn — "Come and give thanks to the Giver" — HWB 57

Presenting our tithes and offerings

Offertory — "I know that my redeemer lives" — arr. Jason Krug
Adult Bell Choir

Hymn of Dedication — "Lord of all good" — STJ 60

*Prayer of dedication

*Hymn — "When long before time" — STJ 25

*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.

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 – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; wanda@fmcbluffton.org**
- **Pastor Theda Good – Tuesday-Friday, 9-4, off Monday; 419-549-2417 (cell); theda@fmcbluffton.org**
- **Children and Youth Ministry Director – Carrie Mast, M-F, 8-11 a.m., mastc@bluffton.edu**
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- **Administrative Asst. – Mary Pannabecker Steiner, M-F, 9-4, fmc@fmcbluffton.org**
- **Custodian – Mick Hardy, 7-10 a.m., weekends as needed**

Chancel: Anita Lehman **Sound:** Chris Gott
Nursery today: Wendy Chappell Dick, Mary Ina Hooley
Worship today: Kendra & Ellie Nickel, Patrick Estell
Nursery next week: Pat Sheidler and Cheri Slotter
Worship next week: Kevin and Allison King, Grace Paquin

Our stewardship

Worship attendance last Sunday	FMC-161; MC-
Spending plan giving 9-22-19 (w/e-giving)	$6,042.44
Non-spending plan giving 9-22-19 (w/e-giving): Freudige-$10	$1,144.00
Kitchen-$5; Memorials-$30; Syrian student-$1,000; Hymnals-$74	
Capital campaign-$25;	
Total giving 9-22-19 (includes e-giving)	$7,186.44
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.