

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NRSV)

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Deb Ewert
Welcome, Announcements		Doug Bartel
Prelude to Worship		Deb Ewert
*Call to Worship	VT 855	Doug Bartel
*Prayer		
*Hymn of Praise	For the Beauty of the Earth	VT 120
Psalm 146		Doug Bartel

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hymn	We Sing to You, O God	VT 80
Time for God's Children		Sue Buchholz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits		Deb Ewert
Hymn	You Are All We Have	VT 701

LISTENING

The Lesson		
Message	For the Love of Money!	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	We Plow the Fields and Scatter	VT 747
Sending		
Postlude		Deb Ewert

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory.**
- ❖ Pray for all those experiencing **Covid currently.**
- ❖ **Pray for marriages**, both new and long-time relationships, for protection and abundance of God's love.
- ❖ **Our future:** May we hear and respond obediently to God's wisdom and guidance for FMC's direction in the coming year.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-image what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer. - Pastor Tim Amor

Announcements:

- ❖ **Quick meeting after church** in the front of the sanctuary to debrief and share our evaluation of the Arts & Crafts Fair ministry from last weekend. All comments are welcome!
- ❖ **World Communion Sunday:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on October 2nd.
- ❖ **Youth:** Wednesday evenings 7pm – continuing “Facing the Future” study.
- ❖ **Tues., Sept. 27 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall***
- ❖ **Tabor College Homecoming Musical: “Into the Woods”,** September 29, 30, Oct. 1 at 7:30 pm.
- ❖ **Starting Fri., Sept. 30, “Environmental Exposure,” sculpture by Glen Ediger,** is on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 2-4 p.m. Sunday.