

Jeremiah 31:27-34 (NRSV)

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.





FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Kelly Linnens
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 869	Kelly Linnens
*Prayer		
*Hymn	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	VT 7
Psalm 111		

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

Hymn	Gravity of Love	VT 494
Time for God's Children		Julie Linnens

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Bringing Out First Fruits		Shirley Baltzer
Hymn	Come, We That Love	VT 31

LISTENING

The Lesson		Jeremiah 31:27-34
Message	The Days Are Surely Coming	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	New Earth, Heavens New	VT 377
Sending		VT 869
Postlude		Shirley Baltzer

**The Picture on the back cover: VT 817 Migrant Journey, by Rafael H Barahona*

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory.**
- ❖ **Discernment and creativity** for FMC's direction in the coming year, unity as we discuss ministry priorities and cash flow together at the congregational meeting next Sunday.
- ❖ **Budget needs** for our ministry this year.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for congregations, members, and leaders to experience growth in faith and ministry through use of library materials.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Carry-In Meal and congregational meeting next Sunday, Oct. 23, after worship.** Discussion of ministry priorities and cash flow concerns. (Bring food to share)
- ❖ **"The Chosen" – Season Two** will begin in Sunday School next week. Come watch this fascinating film of the life of Jesus and join in on discussion of what it means for our lives.
- ❖ **MCC Meat Canning** – Be a part of this vital ministry on Oct. 27. More volunteers are needed to join in on the fun!
- ❖ **Bring pantry items for the Food Bank next week.** Our youth group will "Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat" Oct. 26.
- ❖ **The Upper Room** devotionals are here for Nov-Dec.

- ❖ **Women’s Event: November 5**, 9am – 3:30pm. “Joy is More Than a Detergent” will be the theme of the day, led by Nadine Friesen.
- ❖ **Mission Sunday Coming Soon!** – November 20 – special speaker and lunch. Save the date!
- ❖ **Ted & Co. theater production “We Own This Now”** – 7pm on Tabor campus on November 2nd. Get your tickets online at the Tabor website. They are also presenting the chapel service at 10am which has no fee.
- ❖ **Tonight, and tomorrow – Annual Menno Simons Lectures** with Brad Gregory, from Notre Dame on “The Radical Reformation and Religious Freedom: A Historical Retrospective.” 7pm at Bethel College.
- ❖ **Music Request:** Your leaders are still interested in knowing your favorite worship hymns and songs in any of our past and present hymnals. Share with us so we may enhance our worship together in ways meaningful to you.
- ❖ Today is **“World Food Day”** when MCC works to raise awareness about issues of poverty and hunger. According to the 2022 Global Report on Food Crisis, about 49 million people are currently at risk of falling into famine. Vulnerable countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific are at the highest risk.

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