

Ezekiel 2:8-3:7 (NRSV)

⁸ But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. ⁹ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ¹⁰ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe. **3** He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

⁴ He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶ not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart.

Matthew 4:3-4

³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, November 6, 2022

*"We Are What We Eat," Part 2:
Mortal, Eat This Scroll!*

GATHERING

Gathering Music
Welcome, Announcements
Prelude to Worship
*Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-14

Shirley Baltzer
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*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

*Prayer

*Hymn

God's Glory Fills the Heavens

VT 197

Psalm 119:97-105

⁹⁷ *Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.* ⁹⁸ *Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.* ⁹⁹ *I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.* ¹⁰⁰ *I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.* ¹⁰¹ *I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.* ¹⁰² *I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.*
¹⁰³ *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* ¹⁰⁴ *Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.* ¹⁰⁵ *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Hymn Thy Word Is a Lamp VT 398
Time for God's Children Jan Amstutz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Bringing Out First Fruits Shirley Baltzer
Hymn *Heilig, heilig, heilig* (Holy, Holy, Holy) Vt 137

LISTENING

The Lesson Ezekiel 2:8-3:7; Matthew 4:3-4
Message We Are What We Eat! Part Two: Pastor Tom
Mortal, Eat This Scroll!

RESPONDING

Hymn The Word of God Is Solid Ground VT 399
Sending
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Continuing to **pray for one another** through our directory.
- ❖ **Pray for discernment and creativity** for FMC's direction in the coming year and for **councils and committees** meeting this week.

- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for WDC congregations and members participating in the Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College next weekend, singing and worshipping together using resources in the MC USA Hymnal, *Voices Together*.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Boxes are in the Fellowship Hall for our college students.** Give them encouragement with your love gifts of helpful items to make it through the semester!
- ❖ **Next week: special offering for Mennonite Mission.**
- ❖ **Michele Hershberger**, a Bible Professor from Hesston College, will be with us next Sunday, November 13. Check out the details in the E-Newsletter on Wednesday. You will NOT want to miss this!
- ❖ **Mission Sunday** – November 20 – Larry and Margaret Goering (Sandy Hiebert's parents) will be our special guests, sharing twice and providing authentic Mexican cuisine for lunch! More details in the E-Newsletter.