

First Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome

Nadine Friesen

We Prepare to Worship

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Holly Swartzendruber

*A Loud Call to Worship

(Adapted from Psalm 105:1-11, 45b)

Nadine

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name!

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O you, the spiritual descendants of his servants Abraham and Menno.

[Shout out things for which you are grateful to God.]

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant that he made with Abraham and Menno, with those who migrated from the Ukraine to Kansas, with those who founded First Mennonite Church, and those who continue its ministry to this very day.

Praise the LORD!

Let us say it again:

Praise the LORD!

*Prayer

Nadine

Worship Music

Rain Down (SJ 49)

Holly

Time for Children

Tammy Wintermote

Worship Music

My soul cries out (Grey Sgbk 40)

Holly

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Tom

The First Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

Worship Music

Healer of our every ill (HWB 377)

Holly

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Meditation

Ardent in Spirit!

Pastor Tom

Worship Music

Take my life and let it be (HWB 389)

Holly

We depart

Pastor Tom

Benediction

Lord Jesus, You shall be my song (Grey Sgbk 53)

Holly

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you are able to watch this service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WURST FUNDRAISER EVER: You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kan. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7>. Hope to see you there!

Romans 12:1-8 (The New Life in Christ)

12 I appeal to you **therefore**, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as **in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function**, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:9-21 (Marks of the True Christian)

⁹Let **love** be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, **be ardent in spirit**, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷**Do not repay anyone evil for evil**, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, **“if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”** ²¹**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**