

**Psalms 138 (NRSV)**  
*Thanksgiving and Praise*

- <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.



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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

**In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.**

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 24, 2022**

## **GATHERING**

Gathering Music		Jenny Epp
Welcome, Announcements		Doug Bartel
Prelude to Worship		Jenny Epp
*Call to Worship	VT 877	Doug Bartel
*Prayer	VT 879	
*Song of Gathering	Here in This Place	VT 10

The First Lesson    Colossians 2:6-15 (adapted)

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
continue to live your lives in him,*

**rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as we were  
taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

*See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty  
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of  
the universe, and not according to Christ.*

**For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and we have come  
to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.**

*In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting  
off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;*

**when we were buried with him in baptism, we were also raised with  
him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.**

*And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your  
flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our  
trespasses,*

**erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set  
this aside, nailing it to the cross.**

***He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.***

Song	10,000 Reasons	VT 111
Time for God's Children		Aleen Ratzlaff

### **SHARING**

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Bringing our First Fruits		
Offertory		
Hymn	Our God in Heaven	VT 673

### **LISTENING**

The Lesson		Psalm 138
Message	Trusting God's Faithfulness	Gaylord Goertzen

### **RESPONDING**

Hymn	Great It Thy Faithfulness	VT 419
Sending		
Postlude		Jenny Epp

### **Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:**

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory –**
- ❖ **Pray for our delegates** as they participate remotely at the WDC Assembly.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Camp Copass near Denton, TX, that in this gathering God will encourage and strengthen WDC congregations through the assembly theme, "United in Purpose, Together in Love."
- ❖ **Pray that Jesus will open our eyes and hearts as He gives us His grace to sit at His feet!**
- ❖ **Pray for wisdom for our Arts & Crafts Fair ministry.**

## Announcements:

- ❖ **Help Needed Today if you are able!** If you can stay after worship, the round tables in the Fellowship Hall need to be taken down and 6 rectangle tables put up with only 20 folding chairs left. This is for our next event on Saturday. (Life Line Screening) **Thank you so much!!!**
  
- ❖ **A study of the Lord's Prayer** began today in Sunday School, led by Nadine Friesen. This will continue the next two Sunday's so, come join in at 9:30 in the chapel!
  
- ❖ **Please be thinking** about what you would **enjoy doing** as part of the Arts & Crafts Fair outreach. (making or selling peppernuts, prayer, serving food, visiting with guests, clean-up, purchasing, taking money, ...?)