

## Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (NRSV)

### *The Prophet's Complaint*

- 1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
- 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
- 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.
- 4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

### *God's Reply to the Prophet's Complaint*

- 2 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- 2 Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.
- 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.
- 4 Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2022**

## **GATHERING**

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Nadine Friesen
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	Psalm 37;1-9	Nadine Friesen

*Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.*

**Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

**Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.*

*He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

**Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.**

*Do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

**For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

*Prayer		
*Hymn of Gathering	Be Still, My Soul	VT 664

## **LAMENTING**

The First Lesson	Lamentations 1:1-6	
Hymn of Response	Tears of Suffering	VT 694

Time for God's Children

Aleen Ratzlaff

### SHARING

Sharing and Prayer  
Hymn

If the War Goes On

Pastor Tom  
VT 794

### LISTENING

The Second Lesson  
Message

Standing at Our Watchpost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Pastor Tom

### RESPONDING

Communion with the World  
Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn of Response

We Are People of God's Peace

VT 797

### SENDING

Sending

Spirit of God

Yoder/Crissman

*Spirit of God, grow in us  
That we may learn to love like Jesus  
Spirit of God, go with us  
That we may share the love that frees us.*

Postlude

Shirley Baltzer

### Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continue to pray through our directory.**
- ❖ **Praise God** for His continual nearness and healing for our hearts and bodies. **And ask for more!** You know the many in need.
- ❖ **Pray for Church leaders** as they discern FMC's direction in the coming year.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for God's wisdom and strength for WDC staff members as they work to sustain ministry leaders, resource congregations and nurture church-planting partnerships.

## Announcements:

- ❖ **Special offering next week** for the **MCC Meat Canning** ministry.
- ❖ **Bethel College's Fall Festival** is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus.
- ❖ Saturday, Oct. 8 @ 8:00 am: **Kauffman Museum bird walk.**
- ❖ **Feeling "young at heart"?** Consider joining our small but mighty youth group for the "Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat" city wide event on October 26. We will have a section of town to pick up canned goods for the food pantry. Let Josh, Jan or Sue know if you would like to join us.
- ❖ **Upcoming meetings:**
  - Nurture Committee – Oct. 4, 7pm
  - Vision Council – Oct 11, 7pm
  - Care Committee – Oct 12, 5:15pm
  - Ministries Council – Oct 13, 7pm
- ❖ **Save the Dates:**
  - **Ted & Co on November 2** – theater productions at Tabor, at 10 am and 7 pm.
  - **Women's Event on November 5** at our church building. Details coming soon from Judy Jantz and Nadine Friesen.