

Joel 2:23-32 (NRSV)

- 23 O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- 24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
- 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

- 28 Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
- 29 Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Marcia Brubaker
Welcome, Announcements		Aleen Ratzlaff
Prelude to Worship		Marcia Brubaker
*Call to Worship	VT 855	Aleen Ratzlaff
*Prayer		
*Hymn	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	VT 182
Psalm 65:1-4, 9-13		

*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.*

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

*You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;*

**you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

*You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.*

**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

*The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,*

**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

Hymn Rain Down VT 703
Time for God's Children Tammy Wintermote

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Bringing Out First Fruits Marcia Brubaker
Hymn In the Bulb There Is a Flower VT 670

LISTENING

The Lesson Joel 2:23-32
Message God of Hope Jennie Wintermote

RESPONDING

Hymn Beautiful Things VT 551
Sending
Postlude Marcia Brubaker

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory –**
- ❖ **Pray for God's guidance today at our congregational meeting.**
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Give thanks for the generosity of congregations and individuals whose financial gifts support WDC's mission of empowering Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to **W**itness and invite faith in Jesus Christ, **D**well in just and loving relationships, and **C**onnect to God's mission in the world.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Be sure to stay after worship** and join in on the meal and congregational meeting today. No worries if you didn't bring food. We always have plenty!

- ❖ **Share your 3-5 favorite worship hymns and songs** in any of our past and present hymnals to be used in our time of worship. Paper is available for this on a table in the foyer and at our lunch today.
- ❖ **MCC Meat Canning** – This Thursday, Oct. 27, the fun begins at 1:30pm.
- ❖ **Outreach:** Thanks for items for the Food Bank. The youth group got a tour of Main Street Ministries building renovations last Wednesday evening after taking their donation to them.
- ❖ **The Upper Room** devotionals are in our magazine rack for Nov-Dec.
- ❖ **Women’s Seminar: November 5**, 9am – 3:30pm. “Joy is More Than Dish Soap” will be the theme of the day, led by Nadine Friesen. Lunch will be provided. Sign up sheet is on the hall whiteboard.
- ❖ **November 2, 2022 @ 7pm Ted & Co. presents “We Own This Now”**, in Richert Auditorium at Tabor College. Professional theatre artists Ted Swartz & Michelle Milne use humor to explore the difficult question “What if the land you love was stolen?” Tickets available at the door or online at tabor.edu/tickets. Chapel @ 10am presents “Home”, which weaves biblical story and personal stories in a unique blend of humor and insight around themes of justice, belonging and home.
- ❖ **Mission Sunday Coming Soon!** – November 20 – special speaker and lunch. Save the date!