



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

*In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.*

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**June 25, 2023  
ABIDING IN JESUS**

## **GATHERING**

Gathering Music  
Welcome, Announcements

Jenny Epp  
Doug Bartel

## **LISTENING**

Worship Focus  
\*Call to Worship

Jenny Epp  
Doug Bartel

*We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.*

**We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

*The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.*

**We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant,  
alive, productive.**

*If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.*

**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

*We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.*

**May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

\*Prayer

Doug Bartel

\*Hymn

*When We Walk with the Lord*

VT 570

Scripture 1  
Hymn

Psalm 80:7-11  
*O Blessed Spring*

Doug Bartel  
VT 522

Scripture 2  
Hymn

Jeremiah 31:3-5  
*Come, We That Love*

Doug Bartel  
VT 31

## **SHARING**

Sharing and Prayer  
Bringing Our First Fruits  
Scripture 3

John 15:1-17

Aleen Ratzlaff  
Jenny Epp  
Doug Bartel

## RESPONDING

Reflections on John 15:1-17	Aleen Ratzlaff & Sue Buchholz
John 15:1-4	
Time for God's Children – <b>What is pruning?</b>	
John 15:5-7	
Hymn	<i>Abide with Me</i> (vs. 1,3) VT 502
Conversation – <b>What does it mean to abide in Christ?</b>	
John 15:8-11	
Hymn	<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i> VT 754
John 15:12-17	
Conversation – <b>What does it mean to bear fruit?</b>	
*Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> VT 638
*VT 1002 Congregational Prayer in Unison	Doug Bartel

**Gardener God, you have planted and protected us  
by your faithful hand.**

**Send us the sap of your grace, from Christ, the true Vine,  
and make us blossom and bear the fruit of love,  
as a sign of your life in us.**

**Let the sweet fragrance of the shoots you have planted  
give you praise forever. Amen.**

\*Challenge – Aleen Ratzlaff  
***How will you take some focused time this week  
to abide in Christ?***

\*Benediction Hymn *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514  
Postlude Jenny Epp  
\*Stand if you are able

### Announcements:

- A congregational meeting today immediately following worship in the front of the sanctuary.
- Today: 4 pm “Faspa” Fellowship @ Sue’s house. Bring your lawn chair and come to relax.
- Save the Date: July 9 FMC will meet in the city park!

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