



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

*In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.*

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**July 23, 2023  
Peacemakers Forgive**

## GATHERING

Gathering Music  
Welcome, Announcements

Tom Voth  
Kelly Linnens

Hymn *All Who Are Thirsty*  
Focus Music  
\*Call to Worship

VT 49  
Phil Duerksen  
Kelly Linnens

*Leader:* We gather as God's people, holy and beloved.

*East:* **When so many are indifferent, we gather with compassion.**

*West:* **When so many are cruel, we gather with kindness.**

*East:* **When so many boast, we gather with humility.**

*West:* **When so many seek vengeance, we gather with meekness.**

*East:* **When so many rush and hurry, we gather with patience.**

*West:* **We gather together as God's holy and beloved people.**

*Leader:* Let us bear with one another and forgive one another.

*East:* **Even as Jesus bears with us.**

*West:* **Even as Jesus forgives us.**

*Leader:* Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love,

*All:* **which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

*Leader:* As we worship together,

may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

\*Prayer  
Daily Reading Highlights (Mark ch.2)

Kelly Linnens  
Sue Buchholz

## LISTENING

Time for Children: from Genesis 25,27,32,33

Scripture 1 Matthew 18:21-35

\*Hymn: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Julie Linnens  
Kelly Linnens  
VT 778

## SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Kelly Linnens
Bringing Our First Fruits: VT 1037		Kelly Linnens
Hymn	<i>Take, O Take Me as I Am</i>	VT 748
Scripture 2		Julie & Kelly Linnens
	Romans 7:24b-8:2	
	I John 1:7-9	
	Psalm 103:12	
	Micah 7:19	
	Jeremiah 31:34	
Hymn	<i>Beautiful Things</i>	VT 551
Communion Meditation		Sue Buchholz
Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	VT 740
Sharing of the Elements		Julie & Kelly Linnens

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT 644

\*Challenge – **Is there anyone you would like to forgive?**  
**Is there anyone whose forgiveness you would appreciate?**

\*Benediction Kelly Linnens

Postlude

*\*Stand if you are able*

### Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- Continue to lift one another up to God for mercy and grace.
- Pray for those needing physical and spiritual healing.

### Announcements:

- Read Mark chapter 3 this week.
- Continuing to take pictures today for our bulletin board.
- Want to share love at the Arts & Crafts Fair! Sign up to help with ethnic food and peppernut making on the sheets in the foyer.

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