



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

*In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.*

Worship 10:30 a.m.

July 30, 2023

Peacemakers Sometimes Walk Away from Conflict.

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Darrel Knoll
*Call to Worship		Darrel Knoll
God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.		
Room for our questions and room for our confidence.		
Room for our joy and room for our grief.		
Room for our fear and room for our generosity.		
Room for ourselves and room for each other.		
Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.		
All: Let us worship together in faith.		
*Prayer		Darrel Knoll
*Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419
Scripture 1	Psalm 11	Darrel Knoll
Daily Reading Highlights (Mark ch.3)		Aleen Ratzlaff
*Hymn:	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715
Time for Children:		Lenna Knoll
Scripture 2	Genesis 26:12-33	Darrel Knoll
Reflections about Conflict		Aleen Ratzlaff
Scripture 3	Proverbs 3:27-30 Luke 6:27-36	Darrel Knoll
Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	VT 545
Bringing Our First Fruits:		Darrel Knoll
Focus Music		Shirley Baltzer

Congregational Prayer Response

God, we pray for peace of mind, spirit, and body for those we love. (*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for a sense of peace for those who are facing illness and the unknown. (*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that any conflicts within our community will be resolved in healthy, life-giving ways. (*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that the divisions and animosity present in our nation be eased; that people would listen well, think clearly, and speak truthfully and kindly. (*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer. We pray for those in places of violence, that you would calm their fears and shield them from harm. (*Silence.*)

In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those with power, that they will work toward the justice that leads to peace. (*Silence.*) In your mercy, God,

Hear our prayer.

Most holy God, bless our work toward your peace and remind us of your promise that those who make peace are blessed. In your mercy, God.

Hear our prayer.

All: Amen.

*Hymn

For We Are Strangers No More

VT 409

***Challenge – What conflict are you facing in which the most loving response would be to walk away?**

*Benediction

Darrel Knoll

Postlude

Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- Pray for one another together!

Announcements:

- Soak up Mark chapter 4 this week.
- A sign-up sheet is on the white board in the east hallway for peppernut oven watching on Aug 24-26.