



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

*In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.*

Worship 10:30 a.m.

August 13, 2023

Gathering Music
Welcome, Announcements

Marcia Brubaker
Aleen Ratzlaff

Focus Music

Marcia Brubaker

*Call to Worship

Responsive

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.
Kindle that small spark into a flam of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**As we grow in faith, trust, and love for God, may our worship,
witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

*Prayer

Aleen Ratzlaff

*Hymn

Be Still and Know

VT 37

Focus on the Book of Mark (video)

Aleen Ratzlaff

Scripture 1

Psalm 139:1-14,23-24

Judy Jantz

Hymn

Longing for Light

VT 715

Children's Focus:

Aleen Ratzlaff

Scripture 2

Colossians 1:28-29

Judy Jantz

Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	VT 549
Pursuing and Reaching Out		Sarah & Caleb Diener
Bringing Our First Fruits: <i>God, We Pause This Moment</i>		VT 756
Sharing and Prayer		Aleen Ratzlaff
*Hymn	<i>Beautiful Things</i>	VT 551
*Challenge – Why is identifying purpose important?		
*Benediction		Aleen Ratzlaff
Sending Music		Marcia Brubaker
<i>*Stand if you are able</i>		

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- Welcome to Sarah & Caleb Diener who are home between adventures and heading back to college. Thanks for sharing with us today!
- Pray for-
 - those with health concerns.
 - students, teachers and administrators as they prepare for school.
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- Praise God for this last week of Food4Kids. Please bring non-chocolate chip cookies so variety can be offered. May His love abound to each person involved!

Announcements:

- Read Mark 5
- Sign-up sheets are on the white board in the east hallway for Arts & Crafts Fair ministry opportunities.
- **Aug. 20 – New Member Inquiry Lunch** at noon. Please let the church office know if you will attend.
- Our office secretary will return to work on Thursday.
- Today's special offering is for our denominational ministries - MC USA.
- Today's leaders: Marcia Brubaker, Judy Jantz, Aleen Ratzlaff