

GATHERING

Prelude to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

* Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit,

May we feel God breathing through our worship.**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn *Sing praise to God who reigns* HWB 59

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the way of peace.Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.Help us to bow before you in true repentance,
and to bow to one another in true repentance.By the fire of your Holy Spirit,
melt our hard hearts

and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love,
which casts out our fear,and bind us together in that unity
which you share with the Father
and the Holy Spirit forever. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and
God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to
grow, and courage to continue the journey.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**PROCLAIMING**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Hymn

God sent his Son

HWB 345

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Sermon

RESPONDING* Hymn of Response *Holy Spirit, Truth divine* HWB 508

Offering and Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

SENDING* Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West* HWB 306

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*
*Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated.**HWB – blue hymnal STS – purple hymnal STJ – green hymnal*

Preacher: Charles Bontrager Worship Leader: Darren Newcomer
*Accompanist: John Gamin***Welcome to First Mennonite Church** If you are new here
today, we're glad you can worship with us. No matter who you
are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you!

Wednesday 6:00pm you are invited to a **Fellowship Meal** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share as we become better acquainted in a casual setting.

HELP NEEDED: Camp Luz is in critical need of summer staff. Staff training is only a couple weeks away. Staff do not have to commit to the whole summer, are paid a weekly salary, and may qualify for our matching staff scholarship program. A variety of positions are still available. Apply at www.campluz.com

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Margrit Kipfer Barrón as she compiles a book-study of Luke's Gospel to introduce non-Christian readers to Jesus. She wants this current project to be available to people living in remote areas of Bolivia where her pastor-husband, Freddy, helps to organize book fairs.

*Our **MISSION** is to welcome all to know Christ's salvation through worship and works of love, peace and justice in service for God.*

TODAY **THIS WEEK May 21 – May 28**
9:30am Intergenerational Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service

Monday  *Lloyd Kilmer*

Wednesday 6:00pm Potluck Fellowship Meal – all are welcome!

Thursday **Announcements & calendar items for Sunday**
DUE by NOON to: chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com

Saturday Ramadan begins

Sunday 9:30am Intergenerational Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service

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Grace &
peace
to you from 
God our Father
& the Lord
Jesus Christ

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3



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