

**GATHERING**

Prelude to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

Candle Lighting

## \* Call to Worship

Our God,

we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

**For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

We gather to worship you,

the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

**For the gift of redemption we give thanks.**

We gather to worship you,

the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

**For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise for all your gifts.

**We worship you-- our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

## \* Opening Prayer

\* Hymn *What is this place* HWB 1

## Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,****we confess that we have sinned against you****in thought, word, and deed,****by what we have done,****and by what we have left undone.****We have not loved you with our whole heart;****we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.****We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.****For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,****have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 12:1-14

Hymn *Teach me thy truth* HWB 548

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Reflection

**RESPONDING**\* Hymn *From the depths of sin* HWB 136

Offering and Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

**SENDING**\* Hymn *Lead on, o cloud of Presence* HWB 419

\* 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: Warren Croyle  
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!**Today** following the Worship Service everyone is invited to stay for a carry in meal in celebration of Grandparents Day.

**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. Steering Team will follow.

**Ohio Mennonite Women** will hold a time of celebration during the Women's Retreat at Camp Luz on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Camp Luz chapel. The Ohio Mennonite Women organization will be disbanding, and this celebration is planned as a time to remember, tell stories and celebrate the accomplishments of Ohio Mennonite Women. If you plan to attend the celebration on Sept. 16 but are not registered for the retreat, please contact Camp Luz at [tina@campluz.com](mailto:tina@campluz.com) to RSVP

**Camp Friedenswald Women's Retreat** will be held Sept. 15-17. At this retreat we will pause to discover how we might cultivate peace within, restore ourselves, and make a difference in our world. Register at [friedenswald.org/retreats](http://friedenswald.org/retreats) Cost: \$160, under 25 free

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

**THIS WEEK September 10 – 17**

- TODAY** 9:30am Sunday School hour (book discussion)  
10:45am Worship Service, carry in meal follows  
🕯️ *Bobbie & Jim Mohr anniversary (60<sup>th</sup>!)*
- Tuesday** Deacons meeting (TTBA)  
7:00pm MENWA Board (at MENWA)  
🕯️ *Jan & Warren Croyle anniversary*
- Wednesday** 6:00pm Potluck Fellowship Meal – all are welcome!  
7:00pm Steering Team
- Thursday** *Announcements & calendar items for Sunday due by NOON to: [chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com](mailto:chrischamberlin99@yahoo.com)*
- Saturday** 🕯️ *Dominic Turnea*
- Sunday** 9:30am Sunday School hour (book discussion)  
10:45am Worship Service  
🕯️ *Lucie & Lowell Nofziger anniversary*

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