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*Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News  
at First Mennonite Church*

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**Serving Today:**

**Speaker:** Doris Martin

**Worship Leader:** Dan Kunzman

**Pianist:** Erin Vanderschaaf

**Ushers:** Justin Schardt & Kyle Riesen

**Children's Story:** Dan Kunzman

**Power Point:** Katie Jantzen

**Special Music:** Dorothy Zimmerman, Duane Claassen, Barb Thimm,  
Karen Wiebe

**Audio:** Doug Casey

**Video:** Kathy Casey

**Hosts:** Elsie Riesen & Pat Penner

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Feb 14      10:30 a.m. Worship  
                            9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
Tuesday, Feb 16      1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying  
Wednesday, Feb 17      7:00 p.m. Peace Club  
Sunday, Feb 21      10:30 a.m. Worship  
                            9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
                            9:45 a.m. Children Sunday School

**Last week Offerings:** FMC General Fund: \$2,720; AMBS: \$150;  
MTM: \$150; Adult & Teen Challenge: \$150

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 57

**February Birthdays:**

2: Doug Casey                              4: Jim Ensz  
7: Bryan Heinz                              8: Steve Kyser  
9: Ross Reimer                              11: Bonnie Jantzen  
15: Nick Funk, Gerald Jantzen              26: Elijah VanderSchaaf

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes can be put in the corresponding boxes in the narthex.
  - **Church office hours:** Thursday mornings 9-12 or call Vicki at 402-239-5312.
  - **Hand Sanitizer and masks are** available at the entrances of the church and near the mailboxes. We encourage their use.
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*Church email: fmcbeatrice@hotmail.com;*

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*Deacons: Lori Thimm, Vern Jantzen, Don Esau*

Please take your cell phone off the church wifi as this interferes with streaming the service. Thank you.

**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

**February 14, 2021**



**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** - Psalm 19:7-9

**Leader:** The law of the Lord is perfect,

**People:** **reviving the soul;**

**Leader:** the decrees of the Lord are sure,

**People:** **making wise the simple;**

**Leader:** the precepts of the Lord are right,

**People:** **rejoicing the heart;**

**Leader:** the commandment of the Lord is clear,

**People:** **enlightening the eyes;**

**Leader:** the fear of the Lord is pure,

**People:** **enduring forever;**

**Leader:** the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous  
altogether.

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

#156 HWB

*Refrain:*

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing color,  
God made their tiny wings. *[Refrain]*

The purple headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. *[Refrain]*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them ev'ry one. *[Refrain]*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well. *[Refrain]*

## Children's Story

### Old Testament Reading: Psalm 19 God's Glory in Creation and the Law

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure,

- enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### Affirmation of Faith

- L:** O God, who called all life into being,  
**P:** **the earth, sea and sky are yours.**  
**L:** Your presence is all around us;  
**P:** **every atom is full of your energy.**  
**L:** Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;  
**P:** **with her we yearn for justice to be done,**  
**L:** for creation to be freed from bondage,  
**P:** **for hungry to be fed,**  
**L:** for captives to be released,  
**All:** **for your kingdom of peace to come on earth! AMEN**

### Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

#89 HWB

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony,  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **New Testament Reading – Acts 10:34-42**

### **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised

him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

### **Message: "His world, His words and My Prayer"**

### **Response Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #46 HWB**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
that filled the earth with food,  
God formed the creatures with a word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
there's not a place where we can flee  
but God is present there.

### **Sharing and Prayer**

#### **Blessing**

#### **Offering for Mother to Mother Ministries**

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**Prayer Requests:** Please email or call Pastor Roger with prayer requests: 785-220-1968 or [rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com)

**Please contact the following regarding concerns or questions:**

- Deacons for special needs: *Lori Thimm (402-239-3611)*; *Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011)*; *Don Esau (402-223-9210)*
  - Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437) for church related concerns
  - Vicki Hinz-Ensz with bulletin items (you can continue to email them to the church email)
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**Welcome! We encourage mask wearing and social distancing out** of respect for others. **Masks** are available at the door if you did not bring one with you. We are not **singing** the hymns but instead, ask that you remain seated and reflect on the words of the hymns as they are sung by the worship team. Children are invited to come forward for the children's story. If you prefer to worship outside the church, we invite you to listen on face book or FM radio station 107.5 from our church parking lot. If you are outside, you may bring your offering to the church anytime during the service.

**We welcome and thank Doris Martin for speaking today.** Doris is currently the executive director of the Beatrice Educational Foundation. Prior to that, she taught journalism at Beatrice High School. She is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice and is currently serving on the Outreach and Evangelism Committee of the session. She is taking classes to become a commissioned ruling elder (lay pastor).

**March 27 – MCC Sale** - More information coming

**SAVE THE DATE – Our annual study series** with Beatrice Mennonite Church will be a virtual event this year with featured speaker Natalie Frisk. We are reserving two dates and times for particular aspects of this event.

- Sunday morning, March 14, 10:30 a.m. – a pre-recorded presentation by Natalie Frisk as part of our regular worship service.
- Sunday evening, March 21, 7:00 p.m. – a live/interactive zoom gathering with Natalie to conclude our conference.
- Two additional conference sessions will be pre-recorded and available for viewing starting March 14.

Natalie Frisk is the curriculum pastor at The Meeting House Church in Toronto, Canada, where she and an education team create kids' and youth curricula for ages 0–18 used by churches worldwide. Frisk is a sought-after speaker on topics of youth and children's ministry, spiritual formation, and discipleship, and is the author of the book *Raising Disciples: How to Make Faith Matter for Our Kids*, published by Herald Press. Watch for additional information in the coming weeks.

**Food Pantry donations** may be put in the box in the narthex or taken to the Community Food Pantry at St. John's. Donations are always needed.

### From MCC

**You are invited to join the virtual MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, February 27 at 9 a.m. CST** - The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. To join the meeting please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) and then Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

**Use your skills or try something new!** Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

### Camp Mennoscah announcements

1. Camp Mennoscah is seeking names of persons interested in being program directors for a Junior week of summer youth camp. This camp week is for 6-7th grades. Program directors should strongly believe in the mission of Camp Mennoscah, have a good understanding of camping ministry, and be dedicated to creating an environment for youth to grow in Christian faith, leadership, and community. Please contact Camp Mennoscah by February 13. Names received after the 13th will be considered for future years.

2. Registration is open for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah on March 5-7 and March 19-21! Once the retreats are full, sign up on the waitlist. Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)!

3. Nothing's better than a summer at camp! [Watch this video](#) created by Mennonite Camping Association about why you should work at camp. [Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff](#) positions are now being accepted!

4. Camp Mennoscah is an amazing space for families and groups to connect! Facilities for differently sized groups are available with a variety of gathering areas. Trails and fields are waiting to be hiked and used for fun activities, too! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) to reserve.