

# Mennonite Church of Normal

## Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021

**Sermon Focus:** King Hezekiah effectively led national renewal in 2 Chronicles 29-31. He was wise beyond his 25 years, in leading with vision, sensitivity, flexibility, and deep spiritual awareness. The narrative includes details of how various groups responded to changes. We will reflect on the story's lessons, as we prepare to turn the page to the next chapter at MCN. In the big picture, resumption of in-person worship is just a small part of the new normal we are entering. Points: a young person led; great effort put into preparation for renewal; some chose to not be involved; grace extended frequently; tradition important, but not followed rigidly; it's about faithfulness, not perfection.

**Worship Focus:** Celebration-- Philippians 4:4-9 calls us to rejoice in all situations. Gary Martin is planning the service.

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Prelude:** Adam & Caleb Augspurger

**Welcome/Congregational Life** Shannon Neely

**Called to Worship in Prayer** VT 862 **slide** Shannon

### Praising God Together

**Songs of Praise** VT 126 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name  
VT 47 God of Our Strength

**Words of Praise** VT 887 **slide** Shannon

### Hearing God's Word

**Children's Story** Shelly King

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9 Rita Ngongo

**Sermon:** *God Blessed the People* 2 Chronicles 29-31 Gary Martin

### Receiving God's Grace

**Reconciling:** VT 908 **slide** Gary

**Sharing Joys & Concerns; Prayer** Melika Hershberger

### Sent in the Spirit's Power

**Sending Song** VT 827 Move in Our Midst HWB 418  
**Benediction** Gary

**Postlude:** Adam/Caleb Augspurger

Philippians 4:4-9 NRSV

Rejoice<sup>[a]</sup> in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved,<sup>[c]</sup> whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>[d]</sup> these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.