

**Mennonite Church of Normal**  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021

**Gathering in God's Presence**

Welcome/Congregational Life  
Prelude  
Call to Worship (from Revelation 7:9-12) VT 110  
Gathering Prayer

**Praising God Together**

Songs of Praise: *Masithi: Amen (Sing Amen)* VT 90  
*10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord* VT 111

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time  
Preparation *Listen to the Word* VT 405  
Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 4:16-30  
Sermon *Two Worship Services*

**Receiving God's Grace**

Confession and Assurance (from Leader Worship Group):  
Leader: Oh God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

**People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.**

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

**People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.**

Leader: God who brings all things into light,

**All: restore us.**

Song of Assurance *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653  
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

**Sent in the Spirit's Power**

Sending Song: *You Shall Go Out with Joy* VT 847  
Benediction/Sending  
Postlude

Assisting in Worship

*Song Leader:* Barry Weaver *Children's Story:* Elsa Raab  
*Scripture:* Evan King *Prayer:* Shannon Unzicker  
*Worship Plan/Lead:* Marge Weaver *Sermon:* Gary Martin  
*Prelude/Postlude:* Adam/Caleb Augspurger *Accompanist:* Jenell Ulrich

This Week

Mon. June 28 6:30pm Staff  
Tues. June 29 5:00pm Peace & Justice Committee  
Wed. June 30 9:30am Men's Bible Discussion  
Sun. July 4 9:30am Worship: *Peace is patriotic* Luke 4:16-30; 19:41-44  
10:30am Biblical Foundations: Structure & Pastoral Team  
5:00pm Picnic on the Church Lawn

*Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.*

All people of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, all people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at MCN.

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