

Mennonite Church of Normal

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome/Congregational Life
Ministry Moment: *Stewardship*
Prelude
Call to Worship VT 1024
Gathering Prayer

Praising God Together

Songs of Praise: *God of the Bible* VT 420
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need VT 640

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time *Let the children come* VT 512
Blessing Students & Teachers
Scripture *Listen to the Word* VT 405
Acts 4:31-35
Sermon *Managing Pigs for God*

Receiving God's Grace

Offering Ourselves VT 1023
Response Song: *Take My Life, and Let It Be* vv. 1,2,4,5 VT 759
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Benediction
Postlude

Assisting in Worship

Song Leader: Barry Weaver
Blessing: Holly Zehr, Carrie Stalter
Worship Plan/Lead: Gary Martin
Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Elsa Raab
Sermon/Children's Time/Ministry Moment: Lyle Miller

We welcome Rev. Lyle Miller, Stewardship Consultant with Everence, to MCN this morning. He will provide a ministry moment, children's time, and sermon in the worship hour, and will lead the after-worship session, *Generosity during COVID-19.*

This Week:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Spiritual Gift Discernment Committee
5:00 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Office Staff Committee

New Commission candidates: Spring Neely, *Discipling*; Andy Hedberg, *Outreach* chair; Connie Satchwell, *Community Life*. Please send feedback to Lynn Reha or Nancy Fisher, by August 25.

Our Mission:

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.

Our Vision: By 2024 we will be

- a congregation that is equipping all to learn about, walk with, and live out the teachings of Jesus in daily life;
- a dynamic faith community that nurtures and nourishes relationships, so that our care and understanding of each other is deepened;
- an active faith community, developing significant and meaningful relationships through expanding our care for and understanding about/with those beyond MCN.

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