

# Mennonite Church of Normal

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost      September 12, 2021

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome/Congregational Life

Prelude      *His Eye is On the Sparrow*, arr. Joel Raney

Call to Worship

**All:**      ***Christ, we come into your presence today,  
to worship you in this sanctuary called Earth,***

Leader: in the name of the Spirit of God

**People:** **who hovered over the primal waters,**

Leader: in the name of the Word of God

**People:** **who parted the waters for Earth to appear,**

Leader: in the name of the Wisdom of God

**People:** **who filled land and oceans with beauty,**

**All:**      **AMEN!**

Gathering Prayer

## Praising God Together

Songs of Praise:      *At the Dawn of Your Creation*      VT 179

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*      VT 196

Ministry Moment: Commissions

## Hearing God's Word

Invitation Song:      *Let the children come*      VT 512

Children's Time

Invitation Song:      *Listen to the Word*      VT 405

Scripture:      Proverbs 1:20-33

Sermon      *Wisdom shouts! Are we listening?*

## Receiving God's Grace

Response Song:      *Open My Eyes That I May See*      VT 738

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Benediction & Postlude

## Assisting in Worship

*Song Leader:* Wayne Hochstetler

*Scripture:* Shelly King

*Children's Time:* Gerry Schrock

*Accompanist:* Elsa Raab

*Prelude/Postlude:* Denise Hedberg

*Sharing & Prayer:* Gail Fisher

*Worship Lead:* Shelly King

*Worship Plan/Sermon:* Gary Martin

*Ministry Moment:* Lynn Reha, Mary Dyck

## **This Week:**

Sunday	After Worship	Children's Gather Round Time
	10:45am	Christian Education: Ice Cream Social
	10:45am	Discipling Event: Hot About Climate Change
	11:00am	Youth Group: Proving Ground Bouldering Gym
	8:00pm	Outreach Commission (Zoom)
Monday	5:00pm	Financial Stewardship Committee
	7:00pm	Pastoral Team Search Committee
Tuesday	6:30pm	Church Board & Vision Team
Wed.	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	5:30pm	Interim Pastoral Team
	6:30pm	Pastoral Council
Sunday	10:45am	Pastoral Team Presentation
	4:00pm	College Fair

**New Commission Candidates:** Deb Stenger, *Community Life*; Joe Culpepper, *Worship*. Please send feedback to Lynn Reha, Nancy Fisher, or Shelly King.

## **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.

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