

# Mennonite Church of Normal

September 17, 2023

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life  
Prelude  
Call to Worship

## Singing Praise to God

Song of Praise *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* VT\* 529  
*Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

Gathering Prayer

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Time *See the Children Here Before Us* VT 509  
Scripture Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7  
Sermon *Hilarious Blessing*

## Receiving God's Grace

Response Song *The God of Sarah Praise* VT 190  
Confession of Sin  
Offertory Hymn *Teach Me Thy Truth* VT 776  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song *How Many Times We Start Again* VT 553  
Sending Prayer  
Postlude  
Dismissal

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader:** Steve Benner  
**Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude:** Dorothy Loepf  
**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver  
**Children's Time:** Gerry Schrock & Annette Harnish  
**Scripture Reader:** Randy Zehr  
**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp  
**Pastoral Prayer:** Lynette Miller  
**Tech:** Adam Augspurger and Ryan Miller

## This Week:

Sunday 9/17 12:30am Mennonite Colleges and Universities Fair  
4:30pm Celebrate Autumn Cookout  
Tuesday 9/19 1:00pm CDC Pastor Peer Gathering  
3:00pm Pastoral Team  
Thursday 9/21 6:30pm Midwest Food Bank Volunteering  
Saturday 9/23 10:00am Women's Ministry Kick-Off Event  
Sunday 9/24 12:00pm Q & A with Vision Team

## Our Vision:

*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.*

## Our Welcome:

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.

## After Worship Christian Education:

Pre-K – K Grades	Room 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Room 12 & 19
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Room 8
High School	Room 7 & 5
Journey Group A (20's-30's)	First Office
Journey Group B (40's-50's)	Conference Room
Journey Group C (60's and above)	Room 4

**Building Open Hours:** Monday, Wednesday–Friday 9am-11am  
& Monday–Friday 1:30pm-3pm

**Office Administrator:** Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org  
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**Pastoral Team Leader, Vision Team, and Administration Commission**  
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