# **Mennonite Church of Normal**

October 15, 2023

# **Gathering in God's Presence**

Welcome and Congregational Life Prelude Call to Worship

	Singing Praise to God	
Hymns of Praise	Gravity of Love	VT* 494
	Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom	VT 196
Gathering Prayer		
	Hearing God's Word	
Children's Time	See the Children Here before Us	VT 509
Scripture	Ruth 1:1-17	
Sermon	The Faithful Other	
	<b>Receiving God's Grace</b>	
Response Song	Bless the Arms That Comfort	VT 527
Confession of Sin		
Offertory Hymn	O Love That Will Not Let Me Go	VT 608
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
	Sent in the Spirit's Power	
Sending Song	O God beyond All Praising	VT 814
Sending Prayer		
Postlude		
Dismissal		

\*Voices Together Hymnal

### Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Steve Benner Accompaniment, Prelude & Postlude: Dorothy Loepp Song Leader: Cindy Ropp Children's Time: Shelly King Scripture Reader: Diane Wiman Sermon: Kevin Chupp Pastoral Prayer: Lynette Miller Tech: Jaron Zehr and Ryan Miller

#### This Week: Sunday 10/15 6:00pm Junior Choir 7:00pm Youth Choir Monday 10/16 Morning Office Closed Tuesday 10/17 7:00pm Mama Bears (Zoom) Wednesday 10/18 9:30am Wednesday Morning Book Group Thursday 10/19 7:00am Next Man Bible Study 9:00am Brave and Beloved: Women's Bible Study Sunday 10/22 12:00pm Vision Team Meeting 6:00pm Junior Choir 7:00pm Youth Choir

# 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	
ng Onen Hours: Monday, Wednesday–Eriday 9am-11am		

Building Open Hours: Monday, Wednesday–Friday 9am-11am & Monday–Friday 1:30pm-3pm Office Administrator: Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org 309-452-6622 Custodian Rita Munkakusi Outreach, Worship Commission, Congregational Care Committee, and Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team Pastor: Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org | 574-315-2579 Discipling and Community Life Commissions Pastor: Lynette Miller | lynette.miller.k@gmail.com | 309-261-7485 Pastoral Care Pastor: Ron Ropp | 309-452-8534 Pastoral Team Leader, Vision Team, and Administration Commission Pastor: Lauren Satchwell | satchwell.lauren@gmail.com | 309-830-6827