

Mennonite Church of Normal

December 31, 2023

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Songs of Praise

Love Has Come

VT* 258

Love Came Down at Christmas

VT 255

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time

He Came Down

VT 239

Scripture

Mark 1:1-20 & Malachi 3:1

Sermon

Letting Go; Taking Hold

Receiving God's Grace

Response Hymn

Time Propels Us like a Current

VT 507

Response

Offertory Hymn

Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us

VT 565

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song

Jesus Shall Reign

VT 414

Sending Prayer

Postlude

Dismissal

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader: Steve Benner

Sermon: Ron Ropp

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Children's Time: Janet Wilson

Tech: Adam Augspurgen & Rick Harnish

Scripture Reader: Marge Weaver

Accompaniment, Prelude, & Postlude: Elsa Raab

Visuals: Vivian Hubbard, Nancy Fisher, Lynn Reha, Rita Munkakusi Ngongo, Steve Stenger, and Gerry Schrock (quilted wall hanging)

This Week:

Monday 1/1	All Day	Office Closed
Tuesday 1/2	3:00pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 12/3	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	7:30pm	Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (Zoom)
Thursday 1/4	7:00am	Next Man Bible Study
Saturday 1/6	9:00am	Worship Commission (Zoom)

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 nd – 4 th Grades	Room 12 & 19
5 th – 8 th Grades	Room 8
High School	Room 7 & 5
Journey Group A (20's-30's)	Conference Room
Journey Group B (40's-50's)	Room 4
Journey Group C (60's and above)	Room 4

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

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Custodian Rita Munkakusi

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Pastoral Team Leader, Vision Team, and Administration Commission

Pastor: Lauren Satchwell | satchwell.lauren@gmail.com | 309-830-6827