

# Mennonite Church of Normal

January 21, 2024

## Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life  
The Blessing of Transitions  
Ministry Moment      Mennonite Action Report  
Prelude  
Call to Worship

## Singing Praise to God

Songs of Praise      *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*      VT\* 7  
                                 *What Is This Place*      VT 22

Gathering Prayer

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Time      *Jesus Loves Me*      VT 516  
Scripture      Mark 4:1-34  
Sermon      *Seed, Soil, and Secrets of God's Bigger Kin-dom Picture*

## Receiving God's Grace

Response Hymn      *Will You Come and Follow Me*      VT 540  
Stewardship Affirmation  
Offertory Hymn      *This Little Light of Mine*      VT 762  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

## Sent in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song      *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*      VT 828  
Sending Prayer  
Postlude

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Holly Zehr  
**The Blessing of Transitions:** Kevin Chupp  
**Ministry Moment:** Lucille Eckrich & Megan Reha  
**Prelude, Postlude, & Accompaniment:** Elsa Raab  
**Song Leader:** Barry Weaver  
**Children's Time:** Shannon Neely  
**Scripture Reader:** Erin Ponnou-Delaffon  
**Sermon:** Sibonokuhle Ncube  
**Pastoral Prayer:** Ron Ropp  
**Tech:** Glenn Wilson & Rick Harnish

## This Week:

Sunday 1/21	12:00pm	Congregational Meal
	1:00pm	Congregational Meeting
	6:00pm	Junior Choir
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday 1/24	9:30am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	6:00pm	Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 1/25	7:00am	Next Man Bible Study
	6:30pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Friday 1/26		Camp Friedenswald Winter Retreat Begins
Sunday 1/28	6:00pm	Junior Choir
	7:00pm	Adult 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)	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

**Office Administrator:** Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org  
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