



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**August 24, 2025**

*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT* 495
	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	VT 177

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , vs. 1	VT 762
Scripture	Leviticus 25:1-7 & Matthew 6:25-34	
Sermon	<i>Simplicity and Soil: A Connection Point</i>	

## Respond

Response in Song	<i>God Who Touches Earth with Beauty</i>	VT 550
Offering Affirmation		
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Child Dedication	Junia Chupp, Oliver Chupp, Harvey Gundy, Norah Hartwig, and Henrietta Roeschley Walker	
Commissioning Ian Unzicker for MMN Service Adventure		
Hymn	<i>Planets Humming as They Wander</i>	VT 175
Pastoral Prayer		

## Sent

Sending Song	<i>The Peace of the Earth Be with You</i>	VT 838
Sending Prayer		
Benediction		
Dismissal Song	<i>Amen</i>	VT 689

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

<b>Worship Planner &amp; Leader:</b> Wayne Hochstetler	<b>Sermon:</b> Susan Kauffman
<b>Accompaniment &amp; Prelude:</b> Elsa Raab	<b>Pastoral Prayer:</b> Lauren Satchwell
<b>Song Leader:</b> Cindy Ropp	<b>Children's Time:</b> Annette Harnish
<b>Tech:</b> Caleb Augspurger & Wyatt Fisher	

### In Memoriam:

**Evelyn Benner**, Steve Benner's Mom: January 30, 1944 - July 24, 2025

**Alice Swift**, member of MCN: August 29, 1927 - March 14, 2025

### Announcements from the Midweek:

- **Next step in MCN's Congregational and Pastoral Review:** The Vision Team would like to thank everyone that submitted responses to the Congregational and Pastoral Review survey! Whether you participated in that first step of the process or not, you are strongly encouraged to add your voice to the next step: guided listening/storytelling group sessions. These will take place during the CE hour on August 31 (and another date yet to be determined). Learn more in the Midweek.
- **Marion, IL MDS Project:** The Illinois MDS unit is helping a family in southern Illinois who had their home damaged by a Tornado this past spring. They are in need of roof, siding and window repair. The roof is currently tarped and broken windows are temporarily held in place. The unit has scheduled the first work day on this project. Repairs will begin Saturday, September 13th. They are still needing volunteers. If you need more information or want to volunteer please contact Lamar Miller at [ilmdsunit@gmail.com](mailto:ilmdsunit@gmail.com).
- **Vision Team Chair:** Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (SGDT) is pleased to announce that when Shelly King steps down at the end of her term as Vision Team Chair on December 31, 2025, Ben Roeschley will step into this role until the end of his term – which is December 31, 2026. We thank Shelly for her service and dedication in this role and are grateful that Ben has agreed to step into the role of Chair for 2026.
- **Vision Team Evaluation:** The Vision Team and Commissions undergo annual evaluations. The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team invites and encourages you to fill out a brief evaluation form about the effectiveness of our Vision Team, which is open to all people within the congregation. Also, there is a Self-Evaluation section only for those serving on Commissions. Please know that your survey responses will be gathered by the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team and applicable feedback will be shared with the Vision Team and Commissions. Click on the link in the Midweek to fill out this evaluation form. This evaluation process will close on Friday, August 29.
- **MCC School Kits:** We continue to collect school supplies for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). There is a table for drop off. Contact Louise Reeser with any questions.
- **Photos from Asheville:** View photos from our MCN group currently volunteering with Mennonite Disaster Service in Asheville, NC in the Midweek!

### **This Week:**

Tuesday 8/26	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 8/27	1:00 pm	HSBM Quilt Project
	6:30 pm	Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 8/28	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 8/31	11:00 am	Congregational and Pastoral Review Sessions
Monday 9/1	All Day	Church Office/Building Closed for Labor Day

### **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, immigration status, 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 – 4th Grades	Room 9/12
5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Conference Room
Adult CE	Room 5/7/8

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

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