



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 31, 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>O, for a Thousand Tongues</i>	VT* 764
	<i>True Evangelical Faith</i>	VT 439

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> , vs. 1	VT 762
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Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-9
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Sermon	<i>Arc</i>
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Respond

Response in Song	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	VT 297
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Healing Service

Healing Hymn	<i>Jesus, Rock of Ages</i>	VT 622
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Stewardship Affirmation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Sending Song	<i>O Day of Peace</i>	VT 787
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Benediction

Dismissal Response	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	VT 841
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Ben Roeschley

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Children's Time: Joe Culpepper

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Rick Harnish & Glenn Wilson

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:** this Sunday, August 31, there will be no adult Christian Education so that we can gather during that time for guided listening and storytelling as part of our Congregational and Pastoral Review. During this time, you will be invited to join a small group to share or simply listen as you feel led. Please take part in this important effort in supporting our church functioning. As this will be Kevin Chupp's 3rd annual evaluation, this whole process will be followed by a recommendation and congregational vote on whether Kevin will be called to serve another term. If you have any questions, you can reach out to a member of the Vision Team.
- **Ecology and Sustainability in India:** on Sunday, September 14 at 5 pm in the MRC Community Building, Emily Hershberger will be presenting on the Goshen College SST course that she took this past May, Ecology and Sustainability in India. Learn more in the Midweek
- **Vision Team Chair:** Ben Roeschley has been called by The Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team to serve as Chair of the Vision Team. SGDT asks for your feedback on this call. Please email any feedback you have to Janet Wilson at jmwilso4@ilstu.edu by September 15.
- **Fall Worship: Sacred Pathways:** in our worship together this Fall, we will give special attention to the ways in which we relate to God and find ourselves spiritually energized and fulfilled. Gary Thomas' book *Sacred Pathways* offers a sort of spiritual typology that imagines nine "pathways" we might find ourselves drawn to in our lives of faith. We also hope you will take the inventory linked in the Midweek and share the results with the Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team (you can share results with Pastor Kevin in person or email to kevin@normalmennonite.org). You can also see a video introduction to the topic in the Midweek.
- **Upcoming Youth Fundraisers:** funds for youth who attended convention were provided by a reserve fund that has grown over the years from various fundraisers by youth. Now it's our turn to build the reserve back up for future youth. There will be a couple fundraising opportunities this year. The first will be a mum sale which will begin either the first or second Sunday of September and will continue until all the mums (48!) are sold. Keep an eye on the Midweek for further information about pricing.
- **CDC Connector:** the newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available. If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the library table.

This Week:

Sunday 8/31	11:00 am	Congregational and Pastoral Review Sessions
Monday 9/1	All Day	Church Office/Building Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday 9/2	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/3	1:00 pm	HSHM Quilt Project
Thursday 9/4	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study

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 th – 12 th Grades	Conference Room
Adult CE	Room 5/7/8

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

Office Administrator: Lydia Hedberg | church@normalmennonite.org
309-452-6622

Custodian Rita Munkakusi

**Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts
Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:**

Kevin Chupp | kevin@normalmennonite.org | 574-315-2579

Pastor Kevin designated office hours: Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)

**Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling Commission,
and Vision Team Pastor:**

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