



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**September 7, 2025**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Ministry Moment – Administration Commission

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>God of the Bible</i>	VT* 420
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	VT 495

Gathering Prayer

## Listen

Children's Time	<i>This Little Light of Mine, vs. 1</i>	VT 762
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Scripture	Genesis 1:1 -- 2:4a
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Sermon	<i>Preaching Pines</i>
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## Respond

Response in Song	<i>Creation Is a Song</i>	VT 181
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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Affirmation

## Sent

Sending Song	<i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i>	VT 180
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Benediction

Dismissal Response	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i>	VT 832
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*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Planner & Leader:** Holly Zehr

**Accompaniment & Prelude:** Bill West

**Song Leader:** Cindy Ropp

**Children's Time:** Louise Reeser

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell

**Tech:** Adam 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:

- **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
- **Mum Fundraiser:** 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. **The mum sale will start Sunday, September 14th!** They will be available to take that day and continue until all the mums (48!) are sold. There are a variety of colors and they are 11 inches for \$20.
- **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](mailto:jmwilso4@ilstu.edu) by September 15.
- **Blood Drive:** MCN will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 18 from 8 am - 12 pm. Sign up now by calling the church office or using the link in the Midweek!
- **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](mailto:kevin@normalmennonite.org)). You can also see a video introduction to the topic in the Midweek.

### **This Week:**

Monday 9/8	5:00 pm	Outreach Commission
Tuesday 9/9	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 9/10	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	HSBM Quilt Project
	7:00 pm	Community Life Commission (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
Thursday 9/11	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 9/14	5:00 pm	Ecology and Sustainability in India, a presentation offered by Emily Hershberger

### **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 – 5th Grades	Room 9/12
Junior High	Conference Room
High School	Room 8
Adults	Room 5/7

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

**Office Administrator:** Lydia Hedberg | [church@normalmennonite.org](mailto:church@normalmennonite.org)  
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**Custodian** Rita Munkakusi

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

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*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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