



# Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

**March 29, 2026**

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

# Order of Worship

## Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Children's Time                      *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, vs. 1*                      VT 306

## Praise

Procession of Palms                      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*                      VT 315

Gathering Prayer

Hymn                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*                      VT 313

## Listen

Scripture                      John 12:12–19 & John 19:16b–22

Choir Anthem                      *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*                      Adult Choir

Sermon                      *Head in the Crowds*

## Respond

Confession and Assurance

Response Song                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      VT 323

Honoring God with Our Gifts

Response in Music                      *Veni Jesu*                      Adult Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## Send

Sending Song                      *In Christ Alone*                      VT 332

Sending Prayer

Dismissal Song                      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty, vs. 1 & 4*                      VT 316

*\*Voices Together Hymnal*

**Due to the intricate nature of the cross visual on the stage, we request that our children stay off the stage during Lent and Easter for safety reasons. Thanks!**

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## Assisting in Worship:

**Worship Leader & Planner:** Joe Culpepper

**Sermon:** Kevin Chupp

**Prelude & Accompaniment:** Bill West

**Scripture Reader:** Marianne Israel

**Song Leader & Adult Choir:** Cindy Ropp

**Pastoral Prayer:** Lauren Satchwell

**Children's Time:** Holly Zehr

**Tech:** Caleb Augspurger

### In Memoriam:

**Mary Ann King**, member of MCN: October 11, 1939 – January 5, 2026

**Joyce Thompson**, long-time MRC resident: March 9, 1927 – October 13, 2025

**Roberta Bortell**, wife of Jim Bortell: April 26, 1947 – October 12, 2025

### Announcements from the Midweek:

- **IL Mennonite Relief Sale:** This year's sale generated approximately \$140,000 in gross revenue, reflecting another strong and meaningful weekend of support for the work of Mennonite Central Committee and our local partners. While this total is slightly lower than last year, we are deeply grateful for the generosity, participation, and spirit of everyone involved. More detailed financial results, including final net proceeds, will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for all the ways you help make the Relief Sale possible - from promotion to participation to prayer.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read at the link in the Midweek. In this issue of the Connector we reflect on partnerships near and far, including a respite housing apartment in Cincinnati and a bi-national companion congregation relationship. We also hear from Conference Minister Amy Zimbelman of Mountain States Conference. **If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.**

### This Week:

Sunday 3/29	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Tuesday 3/31	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 4/1	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 4/2	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's 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 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Room 9/12
Junior High	Conference Room
High School	Room 8
Adults	Rooms 5/7

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

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