



Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

May 3, 2026

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

Order of Worship

Gather

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymns	<i>Come, We That Love</i>	VT* 31
	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	VT 125

Gathering Prayer

Listen

Children's Time	<i>Be Not Afraid</i>	VT 356
Invitation to the Word	<i>Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken</i>	VT 405
Scripture	Acts 17:16-31	
Sermon	<i>Fine Lines</i>	

Respond

Response in Word

Response in Song	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	VT 204
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Honoring God with Our Gifts

Response in Music

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Send

Sending Song	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	VT 84
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The Lord's Prayer

Sending Prayer

Dismissal Song	<i>God Welcomes All / Amen</i>	VT 32
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**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Leader & Planner: Joe Culpepper

Prelude, Accompaniment, & Response in Music: Bill West

Song Leader: Wayne Hochstetler

Children's Time: Kevin Chupp

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Pastoral Prayer: Kevin Chupp

Tech: Caleb Augspurger

In Memoriam:

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

Announcements from the Midweek:

Give soap full of hope: Mennonite Central Committee provides soap to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source. There is a need for soap beyond what is supplied in kits. MCC Great Lakes invites you to take part in a special collection of bath soap and laundry soap throughout April and May. Soap collected at MCN will be delivered to the MCC Drop Off Site at Metamora Mennonite Church. Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Learn more at the link in the Midweek. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Outreach Commission.

- **Share Your Story!** Submissions have begun to come in for our collection of stories celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mennonite Church of Normal. In the interest of including as many stories as possible, we are extending the deadline to **July 1st**. Do you have a story about MCN that is worthy of sharing? ***The answer is yes!*** We aren't just looking for historical and monumental stories, but every story that speaks to the experience of this congregation, both big and small. For more information, see the call for submissions at the link in the Midweek.
- **Music Scholarships:** The Pratt Music Foundation is offering music scholarships for students in grades 2 through 12 who demonstrate financial need, dedication & motivation, and musical talent. Apply before June 1 at the link in the Midweek.

This Week:

Sunday 5/3	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth Choir
Tuesday 5/5	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 5/6	9:30 am	Wednesday Morning Book Group
	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 5/7	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Administration Commission (Zoom)
Sunday 5/10	6:00 pm	Junior Choir
	6:45 pm	Youth 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, 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 th 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

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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