

# First Mennonite Church

September 7, 2008

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## Welcome!

The purpose of **F**irst **M**ennonite **C**hurch is to:

**F**OLLOW JESUS

**M**ATURE IN FAITH

**C**ARRY THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday School, Worship, and all our church activities  
equip and strengthen us to fulfill that purpose.

**We invite members, friends, and visitors to  
join us on the journey!**

**9:15-9:40** – Snacks & conversation in Fellowship Hall

**9:40-10:20** – *Sunday School*

PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 30
Junior High	Room 11
High School	Room 13
Mosaic	Room 22
Gather 'Round	Basement Stage

**10:30** – *Worship*

[A nursery is available in Room 10 downstairs for your use.]

Prelude

Merlin Friesen

Call to Worship

L: We step into this new day listening to God's great story.

**P: We make ready for God's freedom.**

L: We step into new purposes for the church  
with the light of God before us.

**P: We make ready for God's freedom.**

L: We step into new purposes for our lives  
as we taste God's reminders of hope.

**P: We make ready for God's freedom.**

Prayer

\*Hymn #366 "God of grace and God of glory"  
"We shall not give up the fight"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Great Restorer of Life, we get disappointed when we try  
to understand who we are by the things we accomplish or  
the things we own or the labels others give us.**

**So we return to you and ask you to give us a sense of  
what you have created us to be.**

**Help us find a common identity in the stories of your  
powerful works so that we can remind one another of who  
we are in your name. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

**Sing to the Holy One a new song!**

**Praise God with dancing, with tambourine and lyre.**

**God takes pleasure in all God's people,  
offering forgiveness, hope,**

**and a way when it seems there is no way.**

**Let us live in God's freeing presence.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Special Music – Men's Quartet

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

"Somebody's knocking at your door"

Scripture – Exodus 12:1-14

\*Hymn #161 “We give thanks unto you”

Message: God of the Downtrodden

\*Hymn #372 “O Healing River”

Offering – Church General Fund

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer

\*Hymn #419 “Lead on, O cloud of Presence”

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

*(\*Please stand if comfortable.)*

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