



“Let It Be”

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

“Shall we not yield . . . ?”

HWB 221, v. 2

Prelude	Now Sing We, Now Rejoice March of the Kings <i>Erica Schmidt, organ</i>	Manz Simone
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Introit	As with Gladness Men of Old <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Kocher/Dix
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*Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-3, 6; adapted)		Myra Swartz
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*Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick
darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon us,
and God’s glory will appear over us.**

*Leader: Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels
of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.*

**All: We shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

*Hymn	Christ, whose glory fills the skies	HWB 216
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The First Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 (PB 783)	
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Hymn	Bright and glorious is the sky	HWB 219
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Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory	He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising	Manz
Prayer of Dedication		SJ 29

Time for Children	The Maker's Mark	Catherine Everingham
Anthem	Ave Verum	Mozart
The Second Reading	Ephesians 3:1-4, 7-12 (PB 950)	
Sermon	<i>Gelassenheit</i> (Let It Be)	Tom Harder
*Hymn	How brightly beams the morning	HWB 222
Celebrating Holy Communion		Lois Harder
	Welcome, Passing the Peace Receiving God's Gift Prayer of Thanksgiving	
*Hymn	Hail the bless'd morn	HWB 221
*Benediction		
Postlude	Men and Kings Seek Him	arr. Schram

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

*Congregation stands

We light the peace lamp as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

Greeters this morning are Dan Eigsti and Peter Emery. **Nursery workers during worship** are Catherine Everingham and Jill Robinson; during Sunday school, Kristina Everingham. **Fellowship workers** are Marla Kauffman and Warren Yoder.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

...in our community, our city, and beyond.

Next Sunday, January 14, we will receive three people into membership at Lorraine Avenue – **Earl (Blue) Wallace, Marla Kaufmann and Warren Yoder.**

Many thanks to Catherine Everingham who has spent delightful, thoughtful and insightful time with the LAMC children throughout the Sundays of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Although she makes it look easy, we know much time and energy was given to the project. Thank you, Catherine!

Local MLK Celebration events include: **Saturday, January 13,** 7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Christian Faith Center (1130 S. Broadway), \$3. 10:00-11:00 a.m. City-wide parade from CFC to the Chester Reflection Park (east of Douglas and Broadway) Button required. 11:00-12:00 Community Service Activity at the Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM 601 N. Water), bring non-perishable food items to benefit Church on the Street, a ministry focused primarily on meeting the mental, physical and spiritual needs of our homeless brothers and sisters. 6:00 p.m. City-wide MLK program at Saint Mark U.M.C. (1525 N. Lorraine) Wiley College Choir will sing and TKAAM will honor Police Chief Gordon Ramsay, Deltha Colvin as well as David and Lynn Gilkey. Button required. **Monday, January 15,** 8:30-11:30 a.m. MLK Day of Service at the Bob Brown Expo Hall, Century II. Habitat for Humanity will frame up a home that will then be moved to its permanent location. To register, go to www.volunteerkansas.org, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. Greater Wichita Ministerial League presents their annual MLK Day event, featuring preacher/singer Smokie Norful from Chicago, IL. Adult and children's choirs. The theme is "The Quest for Peace with Justice", taken from Dr. King's speech.

Kaufman Museum, Sunday-Afternoon-at the-Museum, today, 3 p.m.: Andrew Bolton, "Is the Community of Christ Becoming Anabaptist?"; Kauffman Museum. Bolton has served in administrative positions with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) and was an organizer of the October 2017 symposium at the National World War I Museum and Memorial on conscientious objection to the Great War.

Bethel College: Sunday, January 14 – KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* (co-sponsored by MCC Central States), 3 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine*

Arts Center. Awake is a 2017 documentary about citizen resistance, led by the Standing Rock Sioux nation, to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Talk-back follows with film co-director and Native American journalist Myron Dewey.

Monday, January 15 – Bethel College annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, with Ken E. Nwadike Jr., a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as “the Free Hugs Guy,” and poetry reading by Bethel students, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium*

Help us kick off 45 years of restorative justice and prison ministries! **Offender/Victim Ministries' 2018 annual meeting** will be Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 at Shalom Mennonite Church. Join us for faspas (light meal) and stories from the past year, and hear about exciting initiatives to come in 2018.

You are invited to the **Second Listening for Peace service**, at Reformation Lutheran Church, 7601 E. 13th St., January 9, 7:00 p.m., sponsored by Partners for Wichita, an inter-denominational, not-for-profit organization, working for peace and well-being in Wichita and beyond, through partnerships, by connecting individuals, faith communities and community organizations. “Listening for Peace” is an event to continue in building common ground through prayer. Participants will engage in prayer, conversation and collaboration that build on our common ground of faith.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC’s Israel-Palestine Relations Task Force, as they meet this week and discern ways to join God’s work of justice and peace-making.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Praise God for the family of Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, especially for their four children who are joining in ministry as they become young adults. Pray for Felipe who is studying law to better protect the rights of indigenous people, and for Emilia who teaches children.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) students who will start their Pastoral Project course and for Professor Tony Brun. Pray that God’s presence be with them and may wisdom be upon throughout this course.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for refugees automatically rejected during the asylum process because of where they came from, or because of their ethnicity.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Last Thursday, sixty-three Israeli teenagers have published an open letter to Prime Minister Netanyahu, declaring their refusal to join the Israeli army due to their opposition to the occupation. *Lord, we give thanks for all our friends in Israel who refuse to take part in the sin of the Israeli military occupation. We pray that the voices of these brave young Israeli teenagers are echoed among many other Israelis. May love triumph fear and justice prevail for all the people in our land. Lord in your mercy...* We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and the Occupied State of Palestine. Lord in your mercy...

Visitors last Sunday:

Byron Rupp, Andover, KS; George and Barb Fridley, Elkhart, IN; Elizabeth Evans, Brooklyn, NY; Nancy Mathis, Americus, KS; James, Kyoko, Eucaly and Tyler Waltner, Royal Palm Beach, FL; Micah Detweiler, Goshen, IN; Jim and Lois Kaufmann, New Paris, IN; Rachel Kaufmann, Berlin, OH; Paul Schmidt, St. Louis, MO; Julie Schmidt, Kaete and Isabella Mokrynski, Cresskill, NJ

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Deacons meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Music Committee meeting	6:15 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Bd. of Christian Education meeting	11:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library
of Leo Tolstoy
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
Board Games and Fellowship!

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:28)

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