

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 5

February 5, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Psalm 112:6-7*

Prelude

Pastorale
Morning Has Broken
Erica Schmidt, keyboard

Zipoli
arr. Smith

Introit

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Patterson

*Prayer of Gathering

Marcel Kouame

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

People: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: And the darkness shall never put it out.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly

HWB 203

Prophetic reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

HWB 830

Hymn

The glory of these forty days

HWB 225

Time for Children

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Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Aria from the 10th Organ Concerto
Prayer of Dedication

Handel

Anthem	Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come	Willan
The Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20 (PB 786)	
Sermon	The Right Kind of Fast	Lois Harder
*Hymn	Let justice roll like a river	SS 33

Work of the Church

Welcome, introduction of visitors
 Announcements and Activities
 Joys and Concerns
 Prayer

*Hymn	You are salt for the earth	HWB 226
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*Benediction

You have called us, O God, to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own. Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task. But you, O Lord, are a merciful God. You give light to those who walk in darkness, and you grant strength to those who carry heavy loads. As we return to the workaday world, let us see your light before us and feel your strength within us. Amen

Postlude	Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	Manz
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HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey
 PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

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.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Greater Faith Christian Church will join us for worship on Sunday, February 26! Plan to attend and welcome our sister congregation in the Beyond Tolerance movement!

Greeters this morning are Kathy Long and David Mathis. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kristina Everingham and Kelly Cleary; **during Sunday School**, Katie Mitchell-Koch. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

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.)

Among our friends:

Vena Stucky, member of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church since 1946, died Thursday morning, February 2. A memorial service for her will be held here on Saturday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.

Tom Harder is in Elkhart, IN this weekend for the meeting of the “Worship and Song Collection Committee”. He’ll return on Monday evening.

WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—“the other”—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ’s call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

We will be doing a new picture directory soon, and the regular church directory soon after, so **please** send the office any changes to your listing – name, address, phone, email, etc. Also – see Sara in the Fellowship Hall after worship today and subsequent Sundays to schedule your picture appointment. Or call Linda at church on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5:30 pm to schedule. Photography dates will be Friday, February 17- Saturday 18, and Monday, March 6. Let’s see EVERYONE in the new picture directory!

Wednesday night suppers and activities have begun! AND, there are several Wednesdays still available to sign up to cook! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. (Cook books, like the indispensable “Food for Fifty,” are in the kitchen.) Cooking together is a great activity for families, house churches, board and committee members, friends. Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you on Wednesday evenings.

Please contact Beth Lichy if you are interested in joining **the nursery volunteer rotation**. This is a fabulous way to get to know the youngsters in our church! The new schedule will be out soon, so let Beth know if you wish to join!

Just a reminder that the **“Glad you’re our neighbor” signs** are in the office, by the printer – but they’re almost gone!. These colorful signs are \$10 each (payable to Matt Lehman Wiens) and look GREAT in the front yard! Thanks, Matt!

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 ends on Feb. 28. Early Registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate “Love is a Verb” with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they begin their work to identify new nominees to serve in WDC leadership roles next year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Alfonsina and Jose Luis Oyanguren praise God for a year of ministry though the radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the good news of Jesus’ love will touch even more lives in the coming year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Emmaus, Bethany Christian Schools’ performing arts troupe, as they take their program, *Buckets Make a Sandcastle*, into elementary schools with the message focusing on the unique way each human being is created and the way that we all come together to form one unique creation.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

In these dark times when hatred and racism are on the rise around the world, we invite you to build bridges to bring us closer to each other and to overthrow the walls that divide us by our faith, our race, our gender, and our migration status. Let us pray that each of us can overcome the walls that separate us. Let us embrace our sisters and brothers of Muslim, Yezidi and other diverse identities, faiths and origin. Let us welcome all those who have had to leave their homes due to war. Let us pray for the hearts and minds of those who insist on dividing us to open wide.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Last Friday, Donald Trump president of the United States, targeted seven Muslim-majority countries and refugees with a travel ban, excluding religious minorities. The ban is likely just a first step towards establishing a broader ban. *Lord, refugees are stranded, bombs are being dropped on their homes and walls are being built to keep them away from safety. We pray for our troubled countries in the Middle East to have peace so refugees will be able to go back home. We also pray that the walls and regulations that are being placed in the USA will stop the export of weapons and conflicts to our region. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu is seeking a parliamentary vote to legalize unauthorized Jewish settlements in the West Bank. The move comes as Netanyahu gets a diplomatic boost by Trump's pro-Israel statements. All Israeli settlements are illegal in accordance to International law, but some Jewish outposts in the occupied West Bank are deemed illegal within Israeli Law. *Lord, the Israeli leadership continues to prolong the conflict by defying International law. We pray for the wisdom of the members of the Israeli Knesset to block this appeal. We also pray for the courage of the international community not to abandon our case; we continue to pray for the steadfastness of our people as we continue to seek a peace based on Justice. Lord in your mercy...*

Nineteen-year-old, Mohammed Abu Khalifa, was shot dead by Israeli soldiers at the Jenin camp in the occupied West Bank. Five other Palestinians were also wounded at the camp after clashes erupted when the Israeli occupation forces raided the camp Sunday morning. *Lord have mercy on our people as we continue to bury the victims of the Israeli military occupation. We ask you Lord to comfort the family of Abu Khalifa who grieves for the loss of their beloved son. We pray for an end of the occupation that continues to devour our children and the humanity of our adversaries. Lord in your mercy...*

Six innocent people are dead and eight innocent people are injured after a shooting at a mosque in Quebec City. The attack, which took place at the city's Quebec Islamic Cultural Center, is being investigated as an act of terrorism by police. *Lord, we pray in solidarity with the families of the victims and the fast recovery of the people who were injured in this evil terrorist attack. Help us Lord to echo your anger for the rhetoric of fear and hate that continues to spread around the world against “the other”. Lord in your mercy... We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from last Sunday:

William Ozor, Wichita; Norm and Wilda Kanagy, Bellville, PA; Beth and Brad Gibson, Makenzie, Hunter, Ashley Gibson, Lauren Louk, Kansas City, MO; Rosie Epp, Elbing, KS

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lorraine Ave Mission Board meeting	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Committee meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Women’s Group meeting-Gathering Room	9:30 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	MCC Planning meeting-Kitchen & Sanctuary	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education meeting	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

5:30-6:00	Shining Lights Choir Rehearsal (children)	Sanctuary
5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:30	Children’s Activities	Classrooms/Playground
6:30 – 7:15	Bible Study	Gathering Room
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Nursery care for preschool children is provided

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Catechism Room 208
Teacher: Lois Harder

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg
(there will also be time for prayer and journaling)
led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Faith Stories Fellowship Hall
Cindy Thompson

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 - 2:30, Thurs. 3:00 - 4:00

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