

# Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

Wichita, Kansas

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.  
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down,  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about  
the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.  
Psalm 22:28-31*

Prelude

Depth of Mercy  
Grace greater than our sin  
*DeAnn Diller, piano*

arr. Berry  
arr. Schinske

\*Call to Worship

Miriam Nofsinger

*Leader: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah,  
nations born of barren lands,  
you who stand here because of promises fulfilled,  
come and worship your God.*

**People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors,  
just as our faith will give life to future generations;  
even as we hope against hope,  
we come to worship our God.**

*Leader: Welcome home, children of God!  
Welcome to God's house!*

\*Hymn

What is this place

HWB 1

Confession

*God of our ancestors and our descendants,  
promising Abraham and Sarah children at their age just seems  
mean. For them to believe that promise sounds foolish—  
almost as foolish as expecting that same faithfulness from us.  
That was then, this is now.*

**We are not used to waiting. If something we want takes too long, we itch to move on to the next thing, even when waiting is important.  
 Forgive us. Forgive our impatience and refusal to believe in what we cannot see.  
 Build in us the willingness to hope against hope.  
 Help us to value and contribute to a future yet unseen.  
 Instill in us a faith to inspire future generations.**  
 (Silence)

Assurance

*I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants, because I am your God and their God.*

Hymn                  Hambi nathi (Come, walk with us)                  SJ 2

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings  
             Offertory                  Softly and Tenderly                  arr. Curry  
             Prayer of Dedication

Anthem                  Hear My Prayer                  Moses Hogan  
                                   *Chancel Choir*

The Lesson                  Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Sermon                  How Long is God’s Scarf?                  Tom Harder

\*Hymn                  The God of Abraham praise                  HWB 162

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions  
 Announcements and Activities  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Prayer

\*Hymn                  The Love of God                  SJ 44

\*Benediction                  Between Me and You                  Pew insert

Postlude                  Sing Praise to God                  arr. Larson

\*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 Robert Gaeddert and Barbara Gingrich. **Nursery workers during worship** are Betty Balton and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

**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.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

*Among our friends...*

**Next Sunday, March 4, 3:00 p.m. at Century II – Anna Harder** will play the Mendelssohn violin concerto with the Youth Symphony, as the winner of the Youth Talent competition.

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

**Join us at the 2018 annual Comforter Blitz in Yoder** to help in making comforters for MCC to distribute to our brothers and sisters around the world! **March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm; March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 5 pm; March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm.** Location: Journey at Yoder, 3605 E. Longview Road, Yoder. Everyone is welcome! Lunch is available each day by donation. Please bring a snack to share. We hope to see you there! **Kate Mast**, Workroom Supervisor, CS Material Resource Center 316-283-2720.

**TODAY– Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Christy Davis**, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, 3 p.m., on “The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives,” *Kauffman Museum*

**TODAY– Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry**, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 7 p.m., on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at*

*Bethel College.* Berry will also speak in convocation, Mon., Feb. 26, 11 a.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium.*

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for students at Goshen College as they have important conversations around race and culture during Black History Month.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Linda Oyer of Mennonite Mission Network is bringing closure to her 30-year ministry in France. Pray that the seeds she planted through teaching and mentoring will continue to bear fruit. Pray also that she will find joy in writing more of the books that have been percolating in her spirit.

**Prayers for Peacemakers:**

Pray for the people living in Afrin, Syria as they face NATO backed Turkish bombings. Pray that that the Kurdish people in Afrin face the invasion of their homeland with courage. Pray for the wounded that flood local hospitals and the workers that treat them.

**Prayer Requests from Sabeel:**

Israeli authorities have completed the construction of a watchtower/checkpoint at the entrance of Damascus Gate, the main gate into occupied East Jerusalem's Old City. *Lord, we pray that your spirit will watch over the people of Jerusalem as they make their daily visits in and out of the Old City of Jerusalem. May the powerful who insist on living by the sword, understand that "what makes for peace" is justice and equality, not control and dominance. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer*

Palestinian youth in Hebron held their 9th annual "Open Shuhada Street" campaign last week. The campaign included nonviolent demonstrations, art exhibitions, and cultural events to raise awareness about the 24 years of increasing restrictions on Palestinians living in Hebron and the human rights violations they suffer. *Lord, we cry out at the injustices experienced by those living in Hebron, particularly the economic and social violence caused by the sustained closing of Shuhada Street. We pray for healing of the land, and for peace to those who must currently live with so much fear and persecution. Lord, in your mercy...*

Two Palestinian teenagers were found killed in the southern area of the besieged Gaza Strip following waves of Israeli air raids. Israel said it had targeted 18 Hamas positions, in response to an "improvised explosive device", that detonated near the border with

Israel last weekend, wounding four Israeli soldiers. ***Lord, we pray for the besieged Gaza strip, and its suffering inhabitants. We also pray for an end to the violence that continues to harvest lives, the violence that will never deliver peace. May people of good will around the world help to set Gaza free. Lord in your mercy...***

In France, Israel's embassy will boycott the March 13 opening ceremony of the Israeli Film Festival. During the festival, the Israeli film director Samuel Maoz's movie, "Foxtrot", will be screened. The movie depicts the Israeli army covering up the deaths of Palestinian teenagers. ***Lord, we give thanks for all people who use all forms of culture and art to shed light on the injustices in our world. We pray for the movie screening to be well attended and successful. Lord in your mercy...***

On Sunday, Israeli settlers assaulted a Palestinian bus driver who works for the Israeli transportation company Egged, near Hebron. The driver, identified as Salah Abu Jamal from occupied East Jerusalem, was severely beaten by fanatic settlers near illegal Kiryat Arba settlement. Settler violence against Palestinians, and their property is routine in the West Bank and is rarely investigated by Israeli authorities. ***Lord, we pray for the speedy recovery of Salah and for his attackers to be brought to justice. Dear God, grant us the courage and determination to focus on our liberation and not to give in to the temptation of hatred and violence. Lord in your mercy...***

Last week, more than 450 Palestinian administrative detainees in Israeli jails began a general and open-ended boycott of all Israeli courts. The administrative detainees are held without charge or trial for prolonged periods of time that sometimes reaches many years. ***Lord, we pray for all our Palestinian prisoners who are deprived of justice. In the name of the Holy One, who was a prisoner in Roman jails, we pray for the release of our freedom activists and the dismantling of the corrupt Israeli military courts. Lord in your mercy... We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of France, Germany and Monaco. Lord in your mercy...***

### **Visitors last Sunday:**

Analaura and Amira Hernandez Ruiz, Wichita; Josh and Matt Holcomb, Derby; Joshua Hixon, Wichita; Simon and Karina Martinez, Wichita

## **This Week at Church**

|           |  |            |
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| Monday    | Centering Prayer                         | 4:45 p.m.  |
|           | Yoga                                     | 5:30 p.m.  |
|           | Wellness Group                           | 6:45 p.m.  |
| Wednesday | Yoga                                     | 4:45 p.m.  |
|           | Wednesday Evening Activities (see below) |            |
| Thursday  | Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room    | 12:00 p.m. |
|           | Lorraine Ave. Mission Board – GR         | 5:00 p.m.  |
|           | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall   | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Friday    | Yoga                                     | 12:00 p.m. |
|           | Church Council Appreciation Dinner – FH  | 6:00 p.m.  |

## **Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule**

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

|             |                         |                       |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 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*

**Faith and Issues Class Faith Story Fellowship Hall**  
*Alex Muñoz*

## 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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Pastor Lois Harder  
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Monday is the pastors' day off

Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

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

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