

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

***Restore us, O God! We hunger.***

*As humans, we hunger for many things.*

*God, our Provider, knows our deepest longings,  
offering both sustenance and deliverance from temptation.*

Prelude

Speak, O Lord  
*DeAnn Diller, piano*

arr. Koets

\*Call to Worship

Kate Clause

Leader: In the midst of myriad distractions,  
we gather, longing for you.

***All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.***

Leader: In the midst of the temptation to live in fear,  
we gather, trusting in you.

***All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.***

Leader: In the midst of the challenges of daily living,  
we gather, craving your presence.

***All: Restore us, O God! We hunger.***

Leader: Come, worship the One who feeds  
our deepest hungers and sustains us with love.

\*Hymn

I hunger and I thirst

HWB 474

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God of abundance, you give us all we need. We  
confess that, too often, we focus on what we don't  
have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us.  
Forgive us. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, and  
help us to take refuge in remembering that what you  
provide is good. It is enough.

*(Pause for silent confession)*

Leader: God of abundant grace,

**All: Restore us.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Sing praises to the Lord! Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Jesus walked this lonesome valley arr. Eithun  
Prayer of Dedication SJ 29

Time for Children Ann Fetters

Anthem I Will Not Leave You Comfortless Titcomb  
*Chancel Choir*

The Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 (PB 785)

Sermon Rebuking the Devil Tom Harder

Rap Rebukin' da Devil Earl "Blue" Wallace

Coming to the Lord's Table Lois Harder

Words of Institution  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn I am the Bread of life HWB 472

\*Benediction

Response The Lord Bless You Grotenhuis

Postlude Yours is the Kingdom Cindy Berry

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.

**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.

**Greeters this morning** are Jeremy and Katie Mitchell-Koch. **Nursery workers during worship** are Beth and Jonas Lichty; **during Sunday School**, Grayce and Reid Kaufmann. (**Nursery volunteers during Sunday school** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays.) **Fellowship workers** are Marie and Roy Krehbiel.

**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:**

Congratulations and God's blessings to **Dave Mathis and Nancy Brown** who were married on Saturday, February 25 at the United Methodist Church in Americus, KS. They are honeymooning in San Diego.

**The Board of Deacons think this year's Lenten season would be a good time to renew our house church program** at LAMC (see the March Messenger cover article). We encourage all existing house churches to discuss their goals for the coming year, and to consider including a spiritual practice of some sort. Please also discuss the size of your group, and whether there is room for additional members. A deacon will be contacting each LAMC house church in the coming weeks. **If you are not presently in a house church but would like to be, please contact Lois or Tom.**

Mennonite World Conference with Arli Klassen is holding an **international songfest here at LAMC, Saturday, March 18, 4:00.** This will be an opportunity to learn songs from the international

songbook, created for the Pennsylvania 2015 Assembly. *Faspa* will follow the singing. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 14, to secretary@lorraineavenue.org or call 316-682-4555. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses with surplus to go to MWC.

They're signing up FAST to cook **Wednesday night supper** – only **three** Wednesdays remain! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. There are cookbooks in the kitchen to help. Looking forward to breaking bread together!

**WSU Political Science Dept., WSU Muslim Students Association and the Peace and Social Justice Center present “*Breaking the Silence: U.S. Drone War Insiders Speak Out.*”** Air Force veteran Lisa Ling, a former technical sergeant on drone surveillance systems will speak. Her experiences are documented in the new film *National Bird*. Breaking the silence around this controversial form of military intervention, Lisa and other drone program personnel have been sharing their insight and experience. **Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 208, WSU.**

**Dr. Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz, a historian of Native Americans, will speak March 12, 7 p.m.** at the Metroplex, 29th and N. Oliver. The latest of her twelve books is “An Indigenous People's History of the United States.” This *Global Learning Center* program is free and will also provide insight on the Standing Rock vigil that was closed down by the US government last week.

**If you need to renew your Food Handler's Permit**, here are some upcoming sessions: Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Countryside Christian Church, 1919 S. Rock Rd., 9:00 am in the Coffee Shop (please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork); Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich, 3:30 pm (please arrive a bit early to complete paperwork) Please call 684-5201 to register.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for pastor Jaime Cazares whose ordination will be celebrated at Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, Newton, KS, at 3 pm today.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for participants in the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir as they return from their spring break tour, and for all who are touched by their music.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Paraguay as C. Paul works with more than 50 business chaplains who reach out to employees in the workplace, and as Hildi provides spiritual direction and retreats to help people deepen their faith.

### **Prayer for Peacemakers:**

Creator God, You created us for right and just relationships. You have called your people back to your embrace to that garden of equality and mutuality, to healthy relationships based on respect and love, to be laborers that harvest life. Creator God, You created us.

### **Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Jubilant crowds gathered in the Palestinian towns on Saturday evening to watch the highly-anticipated announcement of the winner of the Arab Idol singing contest in Beirut, that has had millions of viewers fixed to their TV screens since November. Celebrations broke out in Palestine, as native of the town of Bethlehem, Yacoub Shahin, was announced as the winner. Shahin is the second Palestinian to claim the title since the contest premiered in 2011. *Lord, we begin this week with a light heart and thanksgiving for the unforeseen fame of Palestinian Yacoub Shahin in the popular reality TV show, Arab Idol. We pray that you continue to bless him and use his voice to raise awareness for justice for the Palestinian people. Lord, in your mercy...*

Mohammed al-Qeeq, the Palestinian activist and journalist, has declared an open hunger strike after being issued an administrative detention order by the Israeli occupation authorities on February 6, 2016. Israeli occupation forces rearrested al-Qeeq on the evening of January 15, 2017, north of Ramallah. In 2016, al-Qeeq, 35 years old, engaged in a 94-day hunger strike against his administrative detention - imprisonment without charge or trial. Al Qeeq won his release in May 2016. Also, Jamal Abu Leil and Raed Mteir, from Qalandia refugee camp north of Jerusalem, started a hunger strike to protest their own administrative detention on February 16<sup>th</sup>. *Lord, we pray for Palestinians who are courageously choosing to resist injustice in various non-violent ways, like hunger strikes. We pray especially for the Palestinians who have been detained without charge or trial. Lord please sustain them and all fellow hunger-strikers. Lord, in your mercy...*

On Friday Israeli forces suppressed a crowded march in the Old City of Hebron, as local Palestinian residents and international activists demanded the reopening of closed streets and the removal of the

illegal Israeli settlers from the city. The march was launched in line with the 23rd anniversary of the Ibrahimi mosque massacre, when Jewish-American settler Baruch Goldstein entered the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron and shot dead 29 Palestinian Muslims during worship. *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...*

**Visitors last week:**

Ann King, Debbie Freeman, Kimberly Bruce, Craig Myers, Jayden Myers, Gregory Cole, Rachel Johnson, Mikayla Johnson, Norman Walkes, Margaret Wheeler, Lee and Rita Rodgers, Dr. Cynthia Davis, Vicki and Bill Lewis, Bettie Lipsey, Brandi Lipsey, Loriah Davis, Charity Davis, Bertha Alexander, Diane Robinson, Ron and Cathy Davis, Shirley Carter, Leta Keeling, Bobbie Brown, Marie Moon, Rodney Moon, Surrarie Hull, Lashonta Hill, Bethany, Amara Leggio, Nerya Watkins, Aphesian King, Wichita; Larry and Carlota Catlett, Hesston; Tim and Carolyn Voth, Topeka, KS

**This Week at Church**

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	OZ Bike Group – Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	5:45 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Group – Gathering Room	9:30 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Bd. of Christian Education	11:00 a.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, 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)**  
contemplating our next book

**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 Story Sanctuary**  
*Earl "Blue" Wallace*

## 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)*

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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Pastor Tom Harder

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Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00

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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. 3:00 – 4:00

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