

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*Then God spoke all these words:
“I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.”
Exodus 20:1-3*

Prelude

Green Dolphin Street Kaper/Washington
Mike Fetters, piano; Tom Harder, guitar

*Call to Worship

Michelle Armster

*Leader: Who comes, seeking the face of God?
Step into the light and be known.*

**People: We come, from bondage and through darkness.
We come, pilgrims on a journey of faith.
We come, seeking the cloud of your presence
as we travel the way.**

We come, seeking your law to illuminate our paths.

*All: Shine on our lives, O God, with the light of your love.
Make your presence known through Spirit and Word.
Amen.*

*Hymn

When long before time

SJ 25

The First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Confession

*God of grace, law, and consequence,
some days it's hard to face who we are.
We like our liberty, yet we need structure.
We like to be in control, yet we resist clarity.*
**We get impatient and find things to criticize.
Some of us even like to complain.
We whine when we don't get our way.**

*It is easier to complain
than it is to admit that we need your help.
We don't want to see how our attitudes and actions
sometimes make things worse.*

**We are sorry. Forgive our ingratitude.
Grant us the courage to face the truth,
and the humility to receive your wisdom.**

(Silence)

Assurance

*Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and God saved them from their distress.*

Hymn I will call upon the Lord SJ 19

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory O Sacred Head Now Wounded Bach
Prayer of Dedication

Special Music A Child is Born Jones

The Second Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon How Burdensome is God's Scarf? Tom Harder

*Hymn The word of God is solid ground HWB 314

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn God of the Bible SJ 27

*Benediction

*We are the people of God!
We go in God's love, claiming God's grace,
to live out God's law!*

Postlude Bluesette Thielemans

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 Pete Krause and Sara Penner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Anna Harder and Leilani Salas. **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...

A memorial service for Virgil Ewy's sister, Kerren Krehbiel, was held on Friday, March 9 at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson. She died last Friday, March 2. **Our condolences to Virgil and Alana and their family.**

Don't forget! Darrel Doerksen is participating in the annual 5K (3.1 mile) Run for Relief in Hutchinson on April 14. His goal is to raise as much money as possible for MCC to help those in need at home and abroad. All money goes directly to MCC. If you wish to sponsor Darrel, make check payable to: KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE and RUN FOR RELIEF on the memo line. No amount is too small or too large. (You may put your check in his church mailbox.)

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

Sarah Thompson, former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, currently the 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, GA, will be our preacher and sermon discussion facilitator in the Faith and Issues class on **NEXT Sunday, March 18**. She will preach from I Corinthians 12 and Revelation 6, a sermon titled "MLK and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse". She will also lead in a **workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** on nonviolent direct action – how she has seen it work, its strengths and advantages, how we, as followers of Jesus are called on

to continue to be proponents and practitioners of nonviolent direct action. Suggested reading for Sarah's day with us: *The Movement Makes Us Human; An Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam, and MLK* by Joanna Shenk. Please let Pastor Lois know by Sunday, March 4 if you'd like her to order you a copy. Cost is \$18. There will be a simple soup and bread lunch immediately following Sunday School, provided by the Peace Committee. ***Lunch is free, but there is a \$10 donation suggested for the workshop (if you're able – please don't let that prevent you from attending). Please RSVP to the church office for both lunch and the workshop by Wednesday, March 14.***

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist Churches, is opening an MCC Thrift Shop in Wichita Kansas! This non-profit thrift shop will support: MCC's work in peace/relief/development, Working Men of Christ, and peace/relief/justice projects in the Wichita area. Learn how you can support this new Wichita MCC Thrift Shop. There are many ways you can be involved. Join the Discussion! ***March 27th 7:00 pm Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine Ave Wichita, KS 67211.***

From Hesston College: Continuing to bring quality performing art from around the world to south central Kansas, the next concert in the 2017-18 Andover Organ Series will feature organist, Dr. Ryan Hebert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites organizations to apply for their annual Local Giving grants. Local Giving grants are made available each spring by the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors. Application forms may be downloaded at newtonetceterashop.com and must be submitted by e-mail to localgiving@newtonetceterashop.com by April 13, 2018. Multiple grants will be awarded to selected groups by June 2018, in amounts up to \$5,000. Applicants for the Local Giving grants must hold legal nonprofit status and operate out of and serve Newton, North Newton, Hesston, Goessel, Moundridge, Whitewater, Elbing, Halstead or Walton. Applicants do not need to have a religious affiliation or mission, but they must function in a manner consistent with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and be guided by purposes consistent with MCC's.



If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone to share with the congregation on Easter morning, please call the church office or send an email to secretary@lorraineavenue.org by Wednesday, March 28, to request and tell us in whose memory or honor your lily is. Cost is \$12 and should be indicated as “Easter lily” in the memo line on a check. You may take your lily home after the worship service.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC congregations Beatrice Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Beatrice, NE, as they host Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small-Town Churches, a study series with Brad Roth, March 18-19.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Katrina Kniss and Joanna Loepp Thiessen are serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for them as they enhance the ministry of San Antonio Mennonite Church through work with RAICES, a nonprofit law firm that advocates for immigrants (Katrina), and with Catholic Charities (Joanna).

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the sons and daughters of *campesinxs* in Colombia, who are so young and yet know the taste of injustice--girls and boys who should only be worried about going to school and planning their future, but instead are worried if their parents will have enough to feed them. May these children become women and men willing to fight for their rights and have the hope and wisdom to resist peacefully the powers that oppress their families.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

The darkness in Syria continues. Hundreds of thousands are dead, millions are displaced and refugees continue to seek safety from a land that once was their home. ***Lord, we pray for your spirit to move us as we have become apathetic to Syria. The storms of evil continue to blow in Syria leaving only ashes and smoke. Brothers turned against each other, the people are broken and the cities and villages are burned to the ground. Dear God, we long for the moment the words of your prophet Isaiah become a reality “They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)”. Lord in your mercy...***

The Gaza Strip is on the brink of a humanitarian crisis as a result of the Israeli blockade. The blockade caused over 1000 victims, a ruined

economy and an enclave that lacks all the basic needs for life. *Lord, we hold the people of Gaza in our prayers. May your spirit bring justice to the people on the margins who suffer at the hands of the powerful decision makers. Guide us Lord to continue to work to end the injustice and hold Israel responsible for the people they hold under siege. Give us courage to challenge both the leadership in Ramallah and Gaza who have failed to bring unity and lead us towards liberation. Lord in your mercy....*

Visitors last Sunday:

Penny Yarman, Goshen, IN; John and Krista Murray, Hesston, KS; Chloe (friend of Elena Unzicker); Judy Mitzner, Wichita

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.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee – Gathering Room	4:00 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

Study Group Book Study Library
*Reviving Old Scratch:
Demons & the Devil for Doubters & the Disenchanted*
by Richard Beck
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
"Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved"
a Fresh Air podcast and discussion

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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