

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

The Grand Author works in mysterious ways – ways that we often find to be inexplicably, extravagantly generous. The twists that are thrown into the plot are counterintuitive to our human ways of seeing things. Where one would expect only to find a vast, dry, barren desert, we discover a refreshing, anointing, life-giving stream of hospitality.

Prelude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Linda Buller, organ

Walther/Bach

*Call to Worship

Beverly Baumgartner

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing!

People: The Lord makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!

Leader: The Lord forms us as a people

People: and we declare God's praise!

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

People: And we rejoice!

*Prayer

*Hymns

O Breath of Life
Lord, you sometimes speak

SJ 35
HWB 594

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Powell

Time for Children

Beverly Baumgartner

The Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21 PB 586

Worship Music 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple arr. Powell
 Jan Osborne, flute
 DeAnn Diller, piano

The Lesson John 12:1-8 PB 874

Sermon See a New Thing Matt Lehman-Wiens

Confessing and Reconciling

*Leader: God of all who thirst, our hearts are parched from
wandering in deserts far from your life-giving springs.
Call us to your well.*

*All: **Fill our cups with your grace. Let your love overflow
in our hearts, and make us fully alive.***

(pause for silent reflection and prayer)

*All: **The Lord continues to do great things for us, and we
shall rejoice.***

*Hymn New earth, heavens new HWB 299

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn O God who gives us life HWB 483

*Benediction

Postlude Jesus, Priceless Treasure Walther

*Congregation stands

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

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 Connie and Jeff White. **Nursery workers during worship** are Joel and Ruth Tieszen; **during Sunday School**, Dale Blaine. **Fellowship workers** are Marie and Roy Krehbiel.

Following the worship service, you are all 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 April, the Faith and Issues class will study and discuss the new book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart (\$16.99). Katie Mitchell-Koch will lead these discussions. To read more about the book, see the February 2016 issue of *The Mennonite*. Herald Press gives a 25% discount for an order of 5 or more books. *Please let the church office know by **today**, if you would like us to order a book for you.*

In our community, our city, and beyond:

Once again, we thank **Matt Lehman Wiens** for his willingness to bring us the sermon this morning!



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 16, to request and tell us in whose memory or honor your lily is. Cost is \$15 and should be indicated as “Easter lily” in the memo line on a check. You may take your lily home after the worship service.

Next Sunday, March 20, is **Palm Sunday**! All children (and their parents) are welcome to enter the sanctuary waving palm branches towards the beginning of the service. Meet in the south lobby.

Women offering Inter-faith Prayers for Peace! Lorraine Avenue is hosting an area-wide group of women of various faith

traditions. Thursday, March 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come to join other women as we pray for peace – within ourselves, our faith communities, our neighborhoods and our world.

Dillon’s shoppers! If you have not had a chance to re-register your Dillon’s card to ensure that our own Lorraine Avenue Mission Board (LAMB) can be the recipient of the “Dillons points” when you shop, **PLEASE see Roger Kaufman in the south lobby TODAY, during the coffee/fellowship time.** He will have a computer on which he can quickly make sure you’re properly registered. The charitable funds received from this organization have dropped significantly since Dillon’s required people to RE-REGISTER. Help us bring these dollars back up so that simply by shopping you can contribute! Many thanks to Roger for this assistance!

Your LAMB (Lorraine Avenue Mission Board) is making good use of your LAMP donations! This past week, 11 household kits were delivered to the IRC (International Rescue Committee) and 9 more will be delivered in the next 2 weeks! At this point, we are planning to deliver 10 kits per month – keep those donations coming for the immigrant families arriving in Wichita!

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join the family. By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of Mennonite Central Committee. *Check with Catherine Everingham or Kathy McColpin for details.*

Darrel Doerksen continues to collect donations for the *Run for Relief* on April 9. No amount is too small or too large! Please make checks payable to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale with Run for Relief on the memo line. You may put the checks in Darrel’s church mail box or mail to 9414 Pebblebrook, Wichita KS 67207.

There are some cool topics coming up at **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton**, on Wednesday, March 16: from *Understanding & Overcoming Hearing Loss* to *the history of the Bethel College Bell* to *teaching English in Mongolia and Turkey* – it’s ALL good! The sessions begin at 9:30 and run until 12:00. This is the 41st year of the program which is especially for adults, 60 years and older. These programs are informative and entertaining – and all for \$2/Wednesday (or \$20 for the entire Spring Schedule). Brochure is on the bulletin board in the south lobby.

Prayer for *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto*:

Please continue prayers and support for our Wichita Latino brothers and sisters of *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto* as we join with them in missional community as they grow in Christ. - LAMC Support Group

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Give thanks for the gifts and leadership of women in WDC congregations, and for all who gather at the Women's Spring Supper this Thursday.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

The DOOR program is hosting high-school and college students who spend their spring breaks serving and learning in cities. Pray for the students as they encounter new people and situations as their faith is stretched in unexpected ways.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Prayers are needed for funds for teachers and also a lot of prayers are needed for teachers for 2016-2017 school year at the Lezha Academic Center in Lezha, Albania.

Prayers from *Sabeel*:

Gunmen attacked a retirement home in south Yemen last week, killing 16 people, including four Catholic nuns. This was a home for the elderly, run by a charity established by Mother Teresa. The gunmen handcuffed the victims and shot them in the head before managing to escape from the scene.

God of mercy, we have no words to express the confusion, the anger, and the despair that we feel when we hear of such horrifying violence and suffering. Please be with the families of those who were murdered, and with the community that is now in deep mourning. Help them to find peace and solace in your arms. Lord, in your mercy...

The Syrian cease-fire timidly held last week, sparking hopes for the beginning of peace talks between the warring sides. Syrians have come out on the streets to protest and demonstrate for their rights, finally feeling safe enough to do so with the bombs and airstrikes on hold. Though there is still much ground to cover before a compromise between the two sides can be reached, the cease-fire is a very positive first step forward.

God of justice, we rejoice with the Syrian public at the recent turn of events there. Though we recognize that the cease-fire is fragile, we pray that it will hold so that finally calm and

stability might come to this place whose people have lived in fear and persecution for so long. Lord, in your mercy...

Tuesday of this week was International Women’s Day, where we celebrate the accomplishments of women everywhere, and also recognize the need to continue pushing for gender equality worldwide. We remember specifically on this day the women of Palestine, who often bear the brunt of the violence of the Israeli Occupation. It is the women who must remain strong when their husbands and children are arrested, the women who are often left to rebuild their houses after the military demolishes them, and the women who struggle to hold the community together in the wake of continued oppression.

Lord God, we thank you for women everywhere, and pray for their continued perseverance and courage. Lay your hand upon them and guide them in their constant struggle towards peace and justice, for themselves, their families, and their countries. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitor from last Sunday: John Harder, Windsor, Ontario

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
	InterFaith Women Praying for Peace	7:00 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i>	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.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: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. Room B4
Teachers: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth – Tenth Grades Room B5
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Between the World and Me
Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Seekers Book Study Room 208
Living More with Less
Doris Janzen Longacre

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
Led by Rose Moyer

Faith & Issues Stewardship of Creation Fellowship Hall
Led by Marva Weigelt

Men's Group Book Study Library
Better Dads, Stronger Sons
Led by Doug Everingham

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	Mon. & Wed. 9:30-5:00 Tues. & Fri. 9:30-12:30 Thursday is Lois' day off
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