



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

(Silence)

Assurance

*This day is holy to the Lord our God.  
We will not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is our strength!*

Hymn Joyful, joyful, we adore thee HWB 71

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Jesus, with Us Abide Southbridge  
Prayer of Dedication

Special Music Suite Antique, Prelude Rutter  
*Grace Kaufmann, flute, DeAnn Diller, piano*

The Lessons I Corinthians 12:12-26  
Revelation 6:1-8

Sermon Sarah Thompson  
MLK and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

\*Hymn Beyond a Dying Sun HWB 323

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions  
Announcements and Activities  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

\*Hymn There are many gifts HWB 304

\*Benediction

*We are people of God.  
We go to extend God's love and live God's promises.*

Postlude Tranquillo Beethoven

**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 Marla Kauffman and Warren Yoder. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jeremy and Katie Mitchell-Koch 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.)

We welcome **Sarah Thompson** this morning. She is former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, currently the 2018 Generations Fellow at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, GA. Sarah will be presenting the sermon, a discussion in the Faith and Issues class, and a workshop this afternoon.

*Among our friends...*

Robert and Kathy Gaeddert left on Thursday for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, NY for follow-up appointments for Robert. They covet our prayers.

**Many thanks to Beth Lichty** for cleaning and resupplying the "quiet bags" – there are new surprises in each bag!

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

Every time we gather to eat together here at church is special – but **this Wednesday, March 21,** will be a **POTLUCK supper!** Bring food to share (there will be no charge) if you're able; we'll use the church table service – and a good time will be had by all! This will be the last Wednesday evening supper and activities of the season. The following week is Holy Week and the meal and service will be on Maundy Thursday, March 29. (More on that later.)

**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** in Wichita.



**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](mailto: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.

**Joanna Shenk to speak at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church,** 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2727 E. 25th St. North (50 years to the day that Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated) Learn about the new Poor People's Campaign. Pastor Shenk will share about her interview with the late Dr. Vincent Harding, a personal friend of Dr. King. We will learn about their friendship, how they learned to know each other, their conversations, and the decisions they made about "the movement". Shenk is Associate Pastor at First Mennonite Church of San Francisco and co-producer of The Iconocast podcast. She is a writer, networker, activist, and educator. She is author of *Widening the Circle: Experiments in Christian Discipleship* and a new book, *The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK*.

**Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk!** Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit [mcc.org/lunch-learn](http://mcc.org/lunch-learn) for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org).

**Mark Kroos plays a double-necked guitar** and will be at the First Church of the Brethren giving a concert on Sunday, April 15, at 6:30.

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for WDC youth and their mentors, sponsors, teachers and pastors, as they seek to be disciples of Jesus in a complex and changing world.

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

Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of MMN serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa, may just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray that church leaders around the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training would connect with the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN) – AMBS - distance education offerings – online short courses, the Journey Missional Leadership Development Program and the fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

### **Prayers for Peacemakers:**

Pray for the safety of the 400 migrants who arrived on Lesvos last week, and for the authorities to extend them the kindness and care they need. Migrants who come to the island and are put in the Moria concentration camp do not receive the medical treatment that people who have made such a difficult journey following severe experiences of violence should get.

### **Prayer Requests from Sabeel:**

The Israeli parliament has passed a law that allows the minister of interior, Aryeh Deri, to revoke the residency rights of any Palestinian in Jerusalem on grounds of "breach of loyalty" to Israel. Under the new measure, Deri, will be able to strip the residency of any Palestinian whom he deems a threat. *Lord, help us remain loyal and faithful only to your commandment of love, justice and equality. We pray for Jerusalem and its people, we especially pray for the change of heart of the Israeli decision makers to abandon their terrorizing ways to silence our cry for freedom. Lord in your mercy...Hear our Prayers*

Israeli forces have arrested Omar Kiswani, president of the student council at Birzeit University, near Ramallah. Online video footage showed six Israeli special forces, dressed in civilian clothing, pinning Kiswani to the ground, kicking and beating him while firing gunshots on campus. *Lord, we pray for our Palestinian schools and*

*universities who continue to operate under the harsh reality of occupation. We remember all Palestinian students who are currently in the Israeli military jails for committing no other sin, but the sin of having dreams of a better future. Lord in your mercy...*

Last week, Sabeel Nazareth held a one-day workshop on the challenges that women face in society and Church. Also Sunday, Sabeel Jerusalem held a one-day educational visit for women from Jerusalem to the North of the West Bank for the purpose of networking with their sisters. *Lord, we give thanks to all the women of the world who refuse to give up hope for change in structures that have placed them on the margins of the community. Lord, the women gave testimony to your resurrection, that the impossible has occurred, and we all believed. Dear God, help the world put an end to the obstacles it creates for women so that they may enjoy equal rights. Lord in your mercy...*

**Visitors last Sunday:**

Carl Westphal, Seabeck, WA; Steve Schmidt, Wichita

**This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Library Committee	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council 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.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.
	NAMI Faith Outreach – Gathering Room	1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule**

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 South Lobby**  
*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**  
*Sermon Discussion with Sarah 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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