

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

The Passion Week is thick with multilayered and complex symbolism. The characters in God's story are not straightforward. The people who praised "Hosanna" and hailed Jesus as the coming king may be the very ones who later shouted, "Crucify him!" Like them, we find ourselves to be deeply complex characters within the covenant story, characters whose unredeemed motives, desires, and passions all too often drive our behavior and actions.

Prelude

Hosanna!
DeAnn Diller, keyboard

Arr. Schram

*Call to Worship

Angie Smith

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: The Lord our God has given us light!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Prayer

*Hymn

Hosanna, loud hosanna

HWB 238

Psalms 118:1, 19-29

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB 239

*Benediction

Postlude Ride on, ride on in majesty arr. Havergal

*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 Martha Wiebe and Susan Wiebe. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Ellen Ebersole; **during Sunday School**, Alison and Guy Wenzel. **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.)

Among Our Friends

Our love and sympathy are extended to **Chuck Graber**; his father, O'Ray Graber died Monday evening, March 14. Chuck has gone to St. Louis, where his parents and siblings live.

Thanks to all my friends at LAMC for cards sent during my surgeries and therapy from July through November. I have one more back surgery March 21 on the SI joint. Here's praying it will fix the pain.
Carolyn Beck.

In anticipation of Easter!

Palm Sunday, March 20; all children (and parents) are invited to meet in the south lobby before the service to march in with palm branches

NO Wednesday evening supper on March 23, but Chancel Choir will rehearse at **7:00**

Maundy Thursday foot washing at 5:45 in B-3 & B-4 and supper on March 24 at 6:30 **p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and then moving to the sanctuary.

Good Friday, March 25 a service presented by the Greater Wichita Ministerial League at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church (2727 E. 25th St. North) at 12:00 noon, *7 Last Words of Christ from the Cross with speakers and music.*

Saturday, March 26, LAMC will be unlocked and the sanctuary available for **prayer and reflection** from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday! A service of Lessons and Carols here at Lorraine Avenue with our Chancel Choir. 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 27

Holy Humor Sunday, April 3

Why do foot washing? Because Jesus mandated it! Read John 13:1-17, and pay particular attention to verses 14-15, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."



This ceremony has nothing to do with hygiene. Please make sure your feet are clean before you come to the service. This is an act of servant humility that we give to and receive from one another, following the example that Jesus set for us. It is particularly meaningful to participate in this ritual on Maundy Thursday when we are remembering and re-enacting the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Foot washing will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the Basement classrooms, B-3&4. Wear clothes (and especially foot wear) that can easily and appropriately bare your feet. There will be several basins of warm water and towels. We will begin with a prayer, a few moments of silence and the re-reading of the passage above from John. Perhaps we will sing a song or two. We will get into pairs and ask one another if we may wash feet together. One person will sit down and their partner will kneel and place the foot of the one

seated on the edge of a basin. The kneeling one will gently splash some warm water on their partners' foot and then dry it with the towel; then the other foot. The two will change places and the ritual will be repeated. The ritual ends with a greeting, an embrace or kiss of peace and the words, "The peace of Christ be with you." The other will answer, "And with you."

The rest of the Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to use a ritual of hand-washing in this service, as we have in the past, for those who prefer the more "contemporary translation" of the story.

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.*

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 God's work through church plants in WDC (*Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Camino Nuevo* in Dallas, TX; *Iglesia Camino de Santidad* in Liberal, KS; and *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto* in Wichita, KS) and the support of their sister churches.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are halfway through the Ecuador portion of their two-way mission. Pray for them as they relate to their neighbors, accompany church leaders, and focus on the themes of creation care, economic justice, and the rights of women and children.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Give thanks for the many teachers, staff and administrators who work hard to show God's love to students and provide them with encouraging learning environments.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

We give thanks for the peacemakers-in-training in Iraqi Kurdistan, who recently passed the halfway mark of their training. We ask for endurance and fortitude for all involved in this training, as the group

shares skills, learns history, and experiments with peacemaking and justice-seeking in this specific context.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Female Palestinian teacher, Hanan al-Hroub, won the Global Teacher Prize and an award of \$1 million for her work with children who have grown up being exposed to violence. Hanan was born in a Bethlehem refugee camp, and was inspired to enter education after her own school-aged children witnessed a shooting on their way home from school and were traumatized. She plans to use the award money to help other students and teachers around the world continue in their education and careers.

God, we celebrate the accomplishments of Hanan al-Hroub and rejoice in the world recognizing her for her commitment to nonviolence and to helping children who have suffered. Let this success sustain her continued work in education, and allow her story to be an inspiration for others who persevere in teaching in the midst of challenging circumstances. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Jan, Greg, Katie, Noah, Josh Osborne, Wichita; Eryn Icton, Wichita; Leslie Hunsberger, Hesston College

This Week at Church

Monday	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies-Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	Foot washing – B-3 & 4	5:45 p.m.
	Maundy Thursday meal & service	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast-Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.
	Prayers for Peace-Sanctuary	noon-3:00 p.m.

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 Time** **Fellowship Hall**
Led by Cindy Thompson

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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