

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Worship

*When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered,
we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused,
disillusioned, and afraid.*

*But it is precisely there that God meets us—
revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ.
God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully
and enables us to praise once again.*

*We dance, we sing, we proclaim:
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days
Fanfare on Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Linda Buller, organ

Krapf
arr. Held
Callahan

Introit

Lamb of God
Chancel Choir

arr. Christiansen

*Call to Worship

*Leader: I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has
not overcome.*

**People: I watch for the fire that was in the beginning and that
burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

*Leader: I watch for the glow of life that gleams
in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.*

**People: I watch for your light, O God,
in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame
of my own soul.**

*Leader: If the grace of seeing were mine this day
I would glimpse you in all that lives.*

**All: Grant me the grace of seeing this day.
Grant me the grace of seeing.**

*Hymn of Preparation

Joyful is the dark
Vs. 1-2 (choir); 4-5 (congregation)

HWB 233

An Easter Service of Scripture and Song

The First Lesson		John 20:1-10 (PB 882)
Hymn	So much wrong	SS 84
The Second Lesson		John 20:11-13
Anthem	Magdalena <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Brahms
The Third Lesson		John 20:14-16
Anthem	Lift Your Voice and Sing, He Is Risen! <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Larson
The Fourth Lesson		John 20:17-18
*Hymn	The strife is o'er	HWB 263
The Fifth Lesson		John 20:19-20
*Hymn	Low in the grave he lay	HWB 273
Time for Children		
The Sixth Lesson		John 20:21-23
Anthem	An Easter Flourish <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Angerman/Paige
The Seventh Lesson		John 20:24-25
Hymn	So much wrong (verse 3)	SS 84
The Eighth Lesson		John 20:26-29
*Hymn	Christ the Lord is risen today	HWB 280

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done arr. Kerr
Prayer of Dedication

The Ninth Lesson John 20:30-31

*Response Hallelujah Chorus Pew Insert

Postlude Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Willan

*Congregation Stands

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

It's EASTER! There will be no coffee/fellowship time or Sunday school. *See you next week for HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY!*

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 Cheryl and Eugene Kaufman. **Nursery workers during worship** are Rachel Reimer Kouame and Leilani Salas.

Among our friends...

Ruth Klaassen had a successful knee replacement this past Monday and is recuperating at home.

Congratulations to Earl Wallace! He received a Certificate of Completion for a Basic Computer 101/102 course this past week.

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

Joanna Shenk will 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*. **Joanna's book is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for her author's price of \$10. Checks payable to "Joanna Shenk".**

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 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.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be presenting its annual concert on two different Sundays in April. The chorus features around 250 enthusiastic singers performing for around an hour and a half. You will hear a variety of classic hymns and more modern compositions. The first concert will happen at 7PM on April 8th at Wichita Central Community Church (6100 W Maple). The second concert is at 7PM in Memorial Hall on the campus of Bethel College. Also, to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, the chorus will be performing as part of a special program on the Friday (April 13th) evening of the sale around 7PM in the Bretz Law Arena. All performances are free, with an offering taken to support MCC.

Do you shop for some of your needs/wants at Dillon's? If you do, be sure you are enrolled in the Dillon's donation program. Your enrollment will support the Missions program of LAMC. If your receipt says “...donating to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church” then you are enrolled. If not, consider enhancing your shopping experience by enrolling your Dillon's loyalty card at the website www.dillons.com/communityrewards. If you need assistance in doing so, let me know and help will be provided. Dan Eigsti

From the LAMB: **We at Lorraine Avenue have been invited to join LOVE Wichita** for a day of service on April 28, 2018. LOVE Wichita works to help community members address problems stemming from code violations. They work with home owners to fix small things like painting, trimming trees and mowing grass. They partner with the City of Wichita to work on larger projects that require more expertise. If you'd like to participate on the morning of Saturday, April 28, sign up on the sheet on the office table.

Mennonite Church of the Servant will have its next Movie Night on immigration topics on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., featuring the film, “Hawo’s Dinner Party.” The film shows the experiences of several Somali residents in Shelbyville, including, Hawo, who are making this small town their new, permanent home. Discussion and information about refugees in Wichita will follow.

Mennonite Central Committee is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. The first webinar, *Healthy sexuality in our congregations* will be on April 11. Kathrine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9’s webinar will focus on *Sexualized violence – how should churches respond?* And then on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. **Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso.** Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

Offender Victim Ministries in Newton KS seeks a full-time executive director to provide dynamic vision and overall strategic leadership for OVM’s programs, development, promotion and constituency engagement. Qualifications include excellent communication, management and organizational skills, and a strong

commitment to restorative justice principles. Send resumes and inquires by April 20 to Becky Nickel, board chair at offendervictimministries@gmail.com.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will host “Restorative Kansas” on the Bethel campus Thurs.-Fri., April 19-20 – the first-ever statewide conference on restorative justice in Kansas. For more information and to register online, go to kipcor.org.



The Easter lilies in the front of the sanctuary are being shared with the congregation by:

CB Balbierz	remembering	Dick & Ginny Balbierz, Sherry Balbierz King
Morris & Suzanne Birch	remembering	Lois & Oliver Hiebert, Lauren & Marjory Birch
Bruce & Meribeth Buhr	remembering	Ethel Schmidt, George & Mildred Buhr, Florine & Harold Plenert, Donald Schrag
Anne & Kerm Daum	remembering	Vena & Dale Stucky Hulda & Dean Stucky
The Schmidt, Linscheid, & Yordy families	remembering	Larry Schmidt
Karl & Myra Swartz	remembering	Sam & Eleanor Swartz
The Tieszen family	remembering	Myron & Esther Stutzman Walter & Wileta Tieszen, Elaine Blaine

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a SOOP placement): “The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him.”

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for the Zehr Institute (Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA) as they embark on a series of webinars this month and seek to transform a culture of sexual harm through restorative justice.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the family members of the four men who died in a Turkish airstrike following the Newroz celebration of freedom. Pray that the protests that spread again over Iraqi Kurdistan remain nonviolent and bring about the changes the people demand. Pray that the world not remain silent against the recent Turkish military invasion into Iraqi Kurdistan that threatens the lives of many communities.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Land Day, on the 30th of March, marks an annual day of commemoration for Palestinians. In 1976 there was a general strike in Galilee in response to the Israeli government's plan to expropriate thousands of acres of Palestinian land for "security" and "settlement" purposes. In clashes with Israeli army and police, six Palestinians were killed, almost a hundred wounded and hundreds were arrested. Forty-two years later this day is still remembered on the West Bank and in Israel against a background of further land grab violations and illegal settlement building. This activity further encroaches on the borders of any future Palestinian state. *Lord of all, we lay before you the wrongs which have been committed in the past and which are still being committed today. It is becoming increasingly difficult to hope that things will ever change in the future. Help us Lord to continue to trust in your Word as we look forward to the joy of Easter Sunday. We ask that you would renew the courage of those in positions of power to help them to speak out against injustice and to work for a just peace. Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitor last Sunday:

Joanna Wiebe, Washington.

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn. – FH	6:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Women's Group – Room 208	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
Thursday	Mission Board (LAMB) Meeting - GR	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 p.m.
	<i>No Yoga today</i>	
Friday		

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
655 S. Lorraine Avenue, Wichita, KS 67211: (316) 682-4555

Staff:

Pastor Lois Harder
Pastor Tom Harder

Office Hours

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

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. 2:00 – 4:00

Bookkeeper, Beth Tanner Weds. mornings

Minister of Visitation Linda Buller 722-0390

Youth Minister Alex Muñoz 620-660-8181

Deacon on Call Mike Fetters 719-9046

Trustee on Call (04/01-04/07) Roger Kaufman 617-3083

Custodian William Ozor

Choir Director Andrew Voth

Organists Linda Buller, Erica Schmidt

Pianist DeAnn Diller

E-mail: Lois Harder lois.harder@lorraineavenue.org

Tom Harder tom.harder@lorraineavenue.org

Alex Muñoz alex.munoz@lorraineavenue.org

Barbara & Linda secretary@lorraineavenue.org

Treasurer murray@reimerpenner.com

Beth Tanner bookkeeper@lorraineavenue.org

Website address: www.lorraineavenue.org

Pay-to address for electronic contributions through PayPal:

treasurer@lorraineavenue.org