

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

***Restore us, O God! We hope.***

*Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success.  
God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking  
the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise  
that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"*

Prelude

Hosanna, loud hosanna  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
*Erica Schmidt, organ*

arr. Turner  
arr. Wood

\*Call to Worship

Katie Mitchell-Koch

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding  
on a donkey?

***All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name  
of the Lord!***

Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

***All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name  
of the Lord!***

Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless  
children?

***All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name  
of the Lord!***

Leader: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

\*Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

HWB 238

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

PB 492

Hymn

Open now thy gates of beauty

HWB 19

Confession and Words of Assurance

*Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly – riding  
on a donkey. In peace, you showed us the way  
of your kingdom. We confess that our vision  
of the kingdom is not pure. It is stained with our own  
selfish desires.*





**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.)

**HELP NEEDED! Volunteers are needed at the Day House for Family Promise on the weekends.** If you can help, please visit [www.familypromisewichita.org/volunteer](http://www.familypromisewichita.org/volunteer). Thanks!

**NO SUPPER or activities on Wednesday, April 12** (but there will still be Chancel Choir rehearsal). It's Holy Week, so we will observe Jesus' last supper with his disciples, **Maundy Thursday, April 13**, beginning with foot washing in the Gathering Room at 5:45 followed by a simple, Mediterranean supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 during which we will take communion together. We will read the story, sing, pray and fellowship together. At a certain point in the story, we will move upstairs to the sanctuary to end our time with a Tenebrae "service of shadows". All are welcome! Children will have activities during the Tenebrae part of the service.



**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, April 12, 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.

We will host one leg of the **Voices for Peace Tour**, Monday, April 17, 7:00-8:30, exploring diverse perspectives on Israel-Palestine and prospects for peace in the current political climate. You'll be invited to take part in a shared vision of what Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews need to live free, dignified and whole lives in the land. The speakers for this event are **Laura Tillem**, part of JVP and Peace & Social Justice Center of SC Kansas, and **Jonathan Kuttab**, a Mennonite Palestinian human rights lawyer. Laura was born in Brooklyn to progressive Jews of Polish and Russian background, her parents raising her to support civil rights. Jonathan is co-founder of the human rights group Al-Haq, and the Mandela and Nonviolence International. This event is part of a national tour this spring sponsored by MC USA.

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team as they prepare for our annual gathering August 4-6 in Dallas, TX.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

In South Africa, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen work alongside Oscar Siwali, director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. Pray for these three and all of their partners as they work to transform conflict and build peaceful communities.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for members of Bethel College's Student Government Association as they co-host a chalk art celebration with Kauffman Museum this afternoon, wrapping up a series of special activities for Bethel's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.

**Prayer for Peacemakers:**

Today, we grieve with family, friends and community of MJ Sharp who died investigating the ongoing violence and human rights abuses in Democratic Republic of the Congo and advocating for creative violence-reduction solutions. Today, we remember those who died not giving up hope and struggle for a better world built on respect, justice and peace. May their lives and work become seeds that will transform this violent world and give rise to a new future for us all.

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Last Friday, six thousand Palestinians and internationals from around the world participated in the "Fifth Annual Free Movement - Palestine Marathon" in Bethlehem. The objective of the Marathons is to open the eyes of the world to the situation of the Palestinians and their limited freedom of movement. *Lord, we give thanks to the creativity of the Palestinian people and their friends in raising awareness to the injustice in Palestine. We give thanks for another successful marathon and for all the people who helped to organize it. Lord in your mercy...Hear our prayer*

With Palm Sunday this weekend, many Palestinian Christians living in the West Bank are still waiting to hear if they will obtain permits from the Israeli military to go to Jerusalem for the Palm Sunday procession, for celebrations and worship. *Lord, we pray that all Palestinians will have access to their places of worship in Jerusalem, and that the Holy City will be open to all faiths. Lord in your mercy...*

Sabeel is organizing its annual walk along the Contemporary Way of the Cross, in preparation for the Holy season of Easter. This walk joins together the suffering of Christ on the Cross with the suffering of Palestinians in the present, and connects the stations of the Cross with contemporary issues of injustice within Israel and Palestine.

*God, we ask that you be with those attending this year's walk. Send your Holy Spirit to guide them as they remember the suffering Christ experienced as he was being led to the cross, and as they link the present suffering of the Palestinian people to your suffering. Remind them too, God, that the joy of Easter Sunday follows the pain of Good Friday. Lord we know the present injustices in the world will end and that the final word is yours. Lord, in your mercy...*

Last Thursday, the Israeli security cabinet unanimously approved the establishment of a new settlement to house settlers evacuated from the illegal outpost of Amona. This is the first time in over 20 years that Israel has established a new West Bank settlement. ***God, Israel continues to steal our land and uproot our Palestinian people with no mercy. We pray that the international community will act courageously to enforce international law and put an end to the Israeli government's greed and arrogance. Lord in your mercy...*** We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of the Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia. Lord in your mercy...

And, we pray for Syria. Lord in your mercy...

### **This Week at Church**

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| Monday    | Centering Prayer – Gathering Room<br>Yoga<br>Wellness Group  | 4:15 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:45 p.m.  |
| Tuesday   | Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room<br>Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall<br>Deacons Meeting | 12:00 p.m.<br>5:45 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Yoga<br>Chancel Choir  | 7:00 p.m.                            |
| Thursday  | Women's Group – Gathering Room<br>Maundy Thursday Service  | 9:30 a.m.<br>5:45 p.m.               |
| Friday    | Yoga   | 12:00 p.m.                           |

## Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

**Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206**  
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

**Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201**  
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

**Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202**  
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

**Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4**  
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

**Eighth-Twelfth Grades Catechism Room 208**  
Teacher: Lois Harder

## Adult Sunday School Classes

**Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)**  
Laughter Is Sacred Space by Ted Swartz

**Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room**  
*led by Rose Moyer*

**Men's Group Book Study Library**  
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg  
(there will also be time for prayer and journaling)  
*led by Doug Everingham*

**Faith and Issues Camp Mennoscah Fellowship Hall**  
*Michael Unruh, director*

## 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

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Pastor Lois Harder  
Pastor Tom Harder

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 3:00 – 4:00

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