

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us
when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ,
who was I that I could hinder God?
Acts 11:17*

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| Prelude | Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks <i>Galen Shriner, keyboards</i> | Osterland |
| *Call to Worship | SJ 120 | Miriam Nofsinger |
| *Hymn | You've got a place | SJ 4 |

Psalm 148

All: Praise the LORD!

Women: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Men: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Women: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Men: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Leader: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Women: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.

Men: fire and hail,

Women: snow and frost.

Men: stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Women: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Men: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Hymn Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB 50

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service Cherwien
Prayer of Dedication SJ 29

Anthem For The Beauty of The Earth Rutter
Chancel Choir

Time for Children Tom and Lois

The Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Sermon What Kind of Critter Are You? Tom Harder

*Hymn There's a wideness in God's mercy HWB 145

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn Rain down SJ 49

*Benediction

Postlude Fugue in G minor Bach

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

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 Suzanne and Morris Birch. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Meribeth Buhr; **during Sunday School** Ruth and Joel Tieszen. **Fellowship workers** are Bob and Sylvia Schmidt.

Following the worship service, you are all invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School to begin. You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Among our friends:

We are grateful for the cards, emails, prayers, and continued inquiries about our well-being since the February death in Seattle of our daughter's partner. It is exceedingly difficult to imagine the death of one's partner at such a young age, but **Alyssa** is surrounded by many friends who care about her making it a little easier for us to live so far away. - Nadine and Murray Reimer Penner

Congratulations and God's blessings to Betty Ratzlaff who will retire this spring after 40 years of work at the Valley Center Preschool. Betty was one of the first three teachers at the school when it started in 1975. In 1985 she became the director and then returned to teaching in 2008. An open house was held at the school in her honor this past Thursday; it was an opportunity for the hundreds of children (most of whom have now become grown-ups) to return and say "thank-you" to Miss Betty.

A BIG THANK YOU to all LAMC friends for your donations to the **Run for Relief** at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. With your help \$4,400 was raised. Every penny was given to help people in need at home and abroad. There were 249 participants in the Run ages 3 - 80.
Darrel Doerksen

A “don’t miss” opportunity! Meals for 8 (more or less) The deacons are organizing folks into groups to meet in homes for food and fellowship. You can sign up be a **guest** or a **host** or **both**. If you sign up to be a host, there will be a slot to enter the number of guests you are comfortable hosting. The host will be responsible for coordinating the food for the meal and setting the time and date; guests may be asked to bring food. If you sign up to be a guest, you will be assigned to a host’s home by the deacons for your get-together. Sign-up sheets will be in the south lobby starting **TODAY** and will remain until May 24. You will be notified in June as to who your guests are if you are hosting or who your host will be if you are a guest. Please feel free to contact any of the deacons if you have questions. They are Mike Fetters, Adella Ozor, Myra Swartz, Sylvia Schmidt, Cheryl Schmidt, Miles Thompson, and Susan Unruh.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will present a Concert this evening at 7:00 PM, at Central Community Church, 6100 West Maple, in Wichita, KS. The concert is free though there will be a free will offering collected for Mennonite Central Committee.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! You are all invited to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton. The meal is \$15 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Cathy Everingham by May 16. Or, contact Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863 or bj.reeves@live.com

This is the last Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton this spring and will cover a wide range of topics on Wednesday, April 27: from *Child Advocacy* to *Masterworks concert presentation* to a *performance by Open Road (Bethel’s men’s a cappella group)*. The sessions begin at 9:30 and run until 12:00.

Early registration discount ends soon! **Camp Mennoscah's early registration discount for summer youth camps will end May 1.** To receive this discount, just make sure that your campers are registered and full payment is made. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org! Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions. Check out the information on the table outside the office.

From the **International Rescue Committee - Wichita:** Our office is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help in the child play area in our office. The times that we will be needing volunteers is from Monday-Thursday from about 8:45am-12:00pm. The volunteers don’t

necessarily need to assist the whole time or every day. If you know anyone who might be interested, please feel free to contact Holly Perdue at Holly.Perdue@Rescue.org. Volunteers will need to go through the IRC's initial interview, background check and orientation.

Prayer Request from Aposento Alto: Pray for discerning God's missional direction for Aposento Alto and for its pastoral transition and its various ministries. Also, pray for the newly formed/forming pastoral search committee. Amber Schroeder is LAMC's rep.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for Byron Pellecer, as he concludes ministry at Aposento Alto church plant in Wichita, KS, this month, and prepares to move to Texas to begin work May 15 as WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based).

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Lillian and Norm Nicolson promote literacy among the Siamou-speaking people and teach trades in Burkina Faso. Pray for them as they help contextualize God's word in the rural zone where they live.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Chris David Westover and the Bethel College Wind Ensemble as they present their spring concert this afternoon.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden expressed "overwhelming frustration" with Israel's government this week, saying that Netanyahu is steering Israel in the "wrong direction" if what they truly want is peace. Rather than a two-state solution, Biden says that settlement construction, land seizures, and legalizing outposts in Palestinian land are all creating a "one-state reality" which would be dangerous.

God of all, we rejoice that, yet again, someone in power has the eyes to see the reality that is on the ground here in Israel/Palestine. Give Biden's voice strength to continue speaking out against these injustices, and give those around him the ears to hear the truth that he proclaims. Lord, in your mercy...

The Jewish holiday of Pesach, or Passover, begins this week, commemorating the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. In the midst of this holy remembrance though, we must also note that true liberation is that which liberates all: freedom gained at the expense of another people group is not real freedom.

God of the slave and the free, we ask that you be with those who celebrate Pesach and the liberation granted by you from their captors. We ask also that you be with those, both here and around the

world, who are still waiting for their liberation to come. Lord, in your mercy...

Pope Francis visited the Greek island of Lesbos last week to show solidarity with Syrian refugees who are waiting there, essentially trapped with no permanent place to go. The Pope did not just visit though, but he also returned home to the Vatican with 12 Syrian refugees, composed of three Muslim families, offering them the opportunity to stay with him there.

God of hope, we lift up the work of your servant, Pope Francis, as he fully acts out the message of love and acceptance that he preaches. We pray for the lives of the 12 refugees who are starting a new life in the Vatican, and also for all those who are still awaiting refuge and safety. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from April 10:

David Nance, Wichita; Carol Wise, Minneapolis, MN; Lisa Kelly, Overland Park, KS

April 17: Steve Everingham, Rolling Prairie, IN

This Week at Church

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| Monday | Yoga | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Wellness Group | 6:45 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall | 11:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Yoga | 4:45 p.m. |
| | <i>LAST Wednesday Night Activities (see below)</i> | |
| Thursday | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall | 5:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Yoga | 12:00 p.m. |

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

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| 5:30-6:00 | Shining Lights Children’s Choir | 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. **B4**
Teacher: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

Fifth - Tenth Grades **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 **Trouble I've Seen** **Fellowship Hall**
Led by Katie Mitchell-Koch

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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Office Hours

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

Mon. to Fri. noon-5:00

Thursday is the pastors' day off

Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 11:00-1:00

Weds. 1:30-5:30, Thurs. 1:30-3:30

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