

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
I John 4:7-8*

Prelude	It Is Well With My Soul <i>DeAnn Diller, keyboard</i>	arr. Mier
Introit	Abide With Me <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Monk/Lyte
*Call to Worship		Michelle Armster

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

Leader: By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us The Spirit.

People: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Leader: With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare,

All: Holy Spirit, come!

*Hymn	Like the murmur of the dove's song	HWB 29
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Psalm 22:25-31

*I offer praise in the congregation because of you;
I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.*

May our hearts live forever!

Let all who are suffering eat and be full!

Let all who seek the Lord praise him!

I pray your hearts live forever!

*Every part of the earth will remember and come back to God;
 every family among all the nations will worship you.
 Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
 God rules all nations.*

May our hearts live forever!

*Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship God,
 all who are descending to dust will kneel before God,
 my being also lives for God.*

May our hearts live forever!

*Future descendants will serve God;
 generations to come will be told about my Lord.
 They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born,
 telling them what God has done.*

May our hearts live forever! Amen.

Hymn	I need thee every hour (omit verse 4)	HWB 555
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Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	I Need Thee Every Hour	arr. Barry
Prayer of Dedication		

Anthem	Creation Will Be At Peace	Page/Williams
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The Lesson		John 15:1-8
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Sermon	I am the true Vine	Peter Emery
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*Hymn	I hunger and I thirst	HWB 474
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Work of the Church		Mike Feters
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Welcome and Introductions
 Announcements and Activities
 Joys and Concerns
 Prayer

*Hymn	What wondrous love is this	HWB 530
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*Benediction

Postlude	They'll know we are Christians by our Love	arr. Hayes
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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 Matt and Ruth Lehman Wiens. **Nursery workers during worship** are Earl Schlabach and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt.

Many thanks to Peter, Michelle and Mike for leading in worship today! Pastors Tom and Lois are in Seattle with Murray and Nadine Reimer Penner at the wedding of their daughter, Alyssa Penner and Naveen Makineni. We wish them God's blessings! Tom and Lois will return tomorrow (Monday) evening.

The Board of Deacons has been working hard to be attentive and responsive to recent concerns regarding LAMC being a place of "Safe Sanctuary". Please read your Messenger carefully to find Tom's cover piece as well as important information and guidelines from the Deacons about how all of us can help to ensure an atmosphere of welcome and safety here at Lorraine Avenue.

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

Sexualized violence and the church: Mennonite Central Committee is offering a series of free webinars this spring for churches and individuals who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within the congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. Each webinar will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars are free and begin at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. Please join us on Wednesday, May 9 for *Sexualized violence- How should churches respond?* Speakers Cyneatha Millsaps and Silvia Rios will lead the discussion about what we mean when we talk about sexualized violence and what we can do when our congregations experience sexualized violence. The final webinar will be on June 13, *Healthy masculinity*. Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwso. Questions? Contact karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org.

On Tuesday, May 15, 7-8:30 pm, the Offender Victim Ministries organized choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit will be giving a concert for outside guests! This is a great opportunity to hear choral music and support the volunteers and men at HCF who have been working hard on their music. Please contact Ben Kreider by Tuesday, May 1, if you would like to attend: (316) 281 5244 or ben@offendervictimministries.org.

Spring is here which means it's time to do some spring cleaning & repairs around the church! **Please join the trustees for our semiannual church work day on May 12th from 9-12.** We will do a variety of tasks appropriate for all ages and abilities. There is a sign-up sheet in front of the church office with details about the tasks we will be working on. All are welcome, regardless of whether you sign up in advance. A light brunch will be provided. Please contact Joel Tieszen, chair of Trustees, with any questions.

Celebrate Mother's Day by supporting mothers around the world through MCC Infant Care Kits! Help mothers, who are displaced by war or disaster, give their infants a good start. The kit contents have changed recently, visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Send love around the world this Mother's Day! Contact katemast@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 with questions.

Calling all MCC volunteers!! Please save the date for our Volunteer Appreciation event on Wednesday, June 13 5-7 pm at MCC Central States in North Newton!

TODAY– Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall. The program is titled “A Change is Gonna Come” and is a tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It includes a number of works by African-American composers as well as spoken-word performances by Bethel students Akiyaa Hagen-Depusoir and Joshua Clay.

TODAY– Open Road concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:
Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly Planning team, as they prepare for our gathering July 27-28 in central Kansas.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for the growth and ministry of *Puerta del Rebaño* (Door of the Sheepfold), an Anabaptist congregation in Concepción, Chile.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for religious leaders and all people of faith and spirit who, on 28 April, will join the Coast Salish people on Burnaby Mountain, British Columbia, Canada. The Coast Salish members, spiritual leaders and youth will be on the land continuing to resist the Kinder Morgan pipeline and tanker project. They are witness to the danger of the oil project that is threatening the Coast Salish lands, waters, culture and spirit. Although this movement has continued for the last seven years, there have been huge marches and actions as the construction is set to begin. Recently, at the end of March, 176 people were arrested for blocking the Kinder Morgan terminal at the Burnaby Mountain site. Last week, BC Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Affleck has called for them to face criminal prosecution. Amnesty International Canada cautions against this move, saying that criminal charges must be saved for situations where safety, lives or serious concerns about property damage are at stake. People have the right to nonviolent, peaceful protest.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Israeli settlers physically attacked a number of Palestinian students and ‘used foul language against them,’ as they were leaving school last Wednesday in the al-Salaymeh neighborhood of the Old City of Hebron. On Saturday, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian family and attempted to take over two homes in the Hebron area. ***Lord, we give thanks for all the international observers in occupied Palestine who expose and document the violations against defenseless civilians. We pray that the day will come that the people who attack Palestinian children and families will be held to account in international courts. Lord in your mercy...***

The Israeli-American actress, Natalie Portman, was selected as the 2018 Laureate by the Israeli Genesis Prize Foundation, for achieving excellence and international renown. Last Thursday Portman’s representative notified the GPF that ‘recent events in Israel have been extremely distressing to her and she does not feel comfortable participating in any public events in Israel’ and that ‘she cannot in good conscience move forward with the ceremony.’ The Foundation expressed its sadness over her decision and cancelled the prize ceremony. It is worth noting that the prize amounts to one million US Dollars. ***Lord, we give thanks for all the people of conscience who refuse to give their assent to the crimes of the occupation. We are***

grateful for the courage of those Israeli Jews who condemn the actions of the government and take a clear stand on human rights. Lord in your mercy...

On the fourth Friday of popular protests in Gaza, Israeli forces killed four Palestinians. One of those who were killed was Mohammed Ayoub, a fifteen-year-old boy who was shot in the head by an Israeli sniper. This incident was caught on film. The UN Middle East Envoy, Nickolay Mladenov, expressed his anger over the killing of the teenager and the European Union has demanded a full investigation into his death. *Lord, we give thanks for the non-violent protests which continue to challenge the siege conditions suffered by those living in Gaza. We pray for those who take a stand for justice and raise their voices in protest against the oppression they experience. We pray for an end to the occupation and the liberation of the Palestinian people. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Michael and Drea Hughes, Wichita; Judy Mitzner, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	(Lois & Tom return this evening)	
Tuesday	Women's Group – Room 208	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Mission Board Meeting – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 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 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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
Peter Emery

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

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