

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*“Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he was talking to us on the road,  
while he was opening the scriptures to us?”  
Luke 24:32*

Prelude	O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing <i>DeAnn Diller, piano</i>	Larkin
Introit	O Worship the Lord <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Grotenhuis
*Prayer of Gathering	SS 178	Miriam Nofsinger
*Hymn	They crucified my Savior	HWB 266

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*I love the LORD,  
Because God has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because God inclined her ear to me,  
therefore, I will call on God as long as I live.  
**The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
**"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"***

*What shall I return to the LORD for all his God's bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all the people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of the faithful ones.*

*O LORD, I am your servant;*  
**I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.**  
**You have loosed my bonds.**  
*I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice*  
*and call on the name of the LORD.*  
***I will pay my vows to the LORD***  
***in the presence of all the people,***  
***in the courts of the house of the LORD,***  
***in your midst, O Jerusalem.***  
***Praise the LORD!***

Hymn	I will sing the Lord's high triumph	HWB 261
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Now the Green Blade Rises	Schram
Prayer of Dedication		
Anthem	The Earth is the Lord's	Nygaard
Time for Children		
The Lesson		Luke 24:13-35
Sermon	The Road to Our Emmaus	Tom Harder
*Hymn	The strife is o'er	HWB 263
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
Welcome and Introductions		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Hymn	I know that my Redeemer lives	HWB 277
*Benediction		
Postlude	Hornpipe	Handel

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** Dixie and Earl Schlabach. **Nursery workers during worship** are Joel and Ruth Tieszen; **during Sunday School**, Beth and Jonas Lichty. (**Nursery volunteers during Sunday School** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays.) **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt. You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

### **Among Our Friends:**

Several people have asked how to "be present" with **Roland Krause** as it has become increasingly difficult for him to leave his home. Thank you for asking! He appreciates 3-5 minute visits either in person or on the telephone as well as cards to keep in touch and to encourage him along this part of his journey. Many thanks and much appreciation for prayer support, encouragement, and affirmation already expressed!

**We celebrated the life and grieved the loss of Amanda Bartel** with a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Amanda died in her home on Wednesday, April 19 at age 92. Her body was cremated and interment will take place at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church Cemetery at a later date.

The Faith and Issues Sunday School class is a **panel coordinated by Treva and Gerry Lichti**. They'll discuss issues that people living with mental illness and their families face, the role of faith community in supporting people affected by mental illness, and resource that NAMI provides.

**Another season of Wednesday Night suppers & activities has ended!** And, now it's time to thank everyone who made it possible - specifically, the cooks and bottle washers! Thank you to the 12 Angry Mennos house church for twice cooking and cleaning! Thank you to individuals – Catherine Everingham, Sylvia Schmidt, Linda Doll, Myra Swartz, Nadine Reimer Penner, the deacons, Lois Harder, Meribeth Buhr, Katie & Jeremy Mitchell-Koch – who prepared lovely meals for us. And, thank you to US – who attended, ate, visited, and helped clean up. We look forward to the next season which will begin in September!

Mark your calendar for **NEXT Saturday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.** when the Theatre of the Beat, from Stouffville, Ontario, is coming **HERE** to the **Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church** with the play “*This Will Lead to Dancing.*”



The play follows two teens from a Mennonite congregation's youth group who go on a hunger strike until their church decides to accept LGBT people as members. In her hunger, one of the girls begins to hallucinate the ghost of

Menno Simons, who becomes a central character in the play. The writer, and theatre's artistic director, Johnny Wideman, conducted interviews with LGBT Mennonites and two allies who work within the community and incorporated some of their reflections and stories. In discussions of church policy over sexuality and church membership, there has been much discussion over “forbearance”. Wideman wanted his play to represent those who, he believes, have shown the most forbearance, the LGBT community. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Refreshments will be served after the play. This is a project of LAMC's Peace Committee; area Mennonite churches have been invited to attend this special event.

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day), the Board of Christian Education is hosting a **Gardening Panel Discussion during Faith & Issues class.** Several of our experienced gardeners will be sharing their knowledge with us and talking about why they garden and what that has meant for their lives. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers! As part of this class, we will have tables set up in Fellowship Hall for a **Plant Sharing** before and after class. If you have plants to share, please bring them! If you need plants, please take some home!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the **49th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** a huge success! You are all invited to

celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. The meal is \$15 a plate and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb Reeves at 620-543-6863, bj.reeves@live.com by May 14.

**The 2017 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** presents a concert May 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston High School, Hesston, Admission is free, however, free will offerings for Mennonite Central Committee will be taken at each concert. There will be a summer concert on June 25, 3:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral 701 SW 8th Ave, Topeka, KS. Darrel Doerksen, LAMC Contact Man.

**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!

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Martine Audeoud and Gary Wittig are preparing to move to France this summer. Martine will continue her teaching ministries with Christian universities in West Africa from a home base in the land of her birth. Pray for Gary, Martine, and their son, Samuel, as they make this transition.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Give thanks for the work of photographer Sharon Hoogstraten (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), who has generously loaned 22 large-scale photographs of Potawatomi people in regalia to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, for an exhibit on campus this spring, in connection with the Rooted and Grounded Conference and the Trail of Death pilgrimage course. May the images move viewers to honor the resilience and flourishing of First Nations people as they also remember the traumas they have endured in this land.

**Prayer Request for Peacemakers:**

Today let us lift in our prayers those who "pray with their feet" and advocate for the rights of the Indigenous peoples. On 23 April, a group of mainly Christians has set out on a 600 km (around 375 miles) long pilgrimage through the Canadian province of Ontario. CPT Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Team co-organizes the pilgrimage. Let us pray that the eyes, ears and hearts of lawmakers and settlers of Canada and around the world be opened and embrace that to which God calls us: truth, reconciliation and justice.

### **Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

One thousand five hundred Palestinian prisoners continue with their hunger strike for the second week. Palestinian prisoners are refusing food in an effort to improve the deplorable conditions of the approximately 6,500 Palestinian political prisoners who are currently in Israeli jails. *Lord, give us the power to stand in solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners as they demand their basic rights. Give us the needed strength and courage not to abandon or shy away from their rightful demands. Remind us Lord, that you were once a prisoner when the powerful unjustly imprisoned you, and when your disciples abandoned you although they loved you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...*

Last Sunday morning, Israeli forces closed the main entrance to a cluster of villages northeast of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank. Palestinian communities are routinely subjected to arbitrary road closures by Israeli military forces for "security reasons," an act which human rights groups have denounced as collective punishment. *Lord, last Sunday the sick could not go to their doctors, the workers could not go to work, family gatherings were cancelled and worshippers could not go to Church. We pray for a day when the freedom of movement for the Palestinian communities becomes a reality. Lord, in your mercy...*

### **Visitors last week:**

Riley May, Paige Minor, Wichita; Dick and Wilma Monical, Wichita; Jonathan and Jessica Huber, Wichita; Debbie McCurdy, Wichita; Alex, Atticus and Archer Munoz, Wichita; Pat Aubley, Sawyer, KS; Sandy Huditt, Pratt, KS

## **This Week at Church**

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Group	9:30 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity – Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	<i>This Will Lead to Dancing</i>	7:00 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, Beth Lichty 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 Living with Mental Illness Fellowship Hall**  
*Gerry and Treva Lichti and panel*

## 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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Pastor Lois Harder  
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Monday is the pastors' day off

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