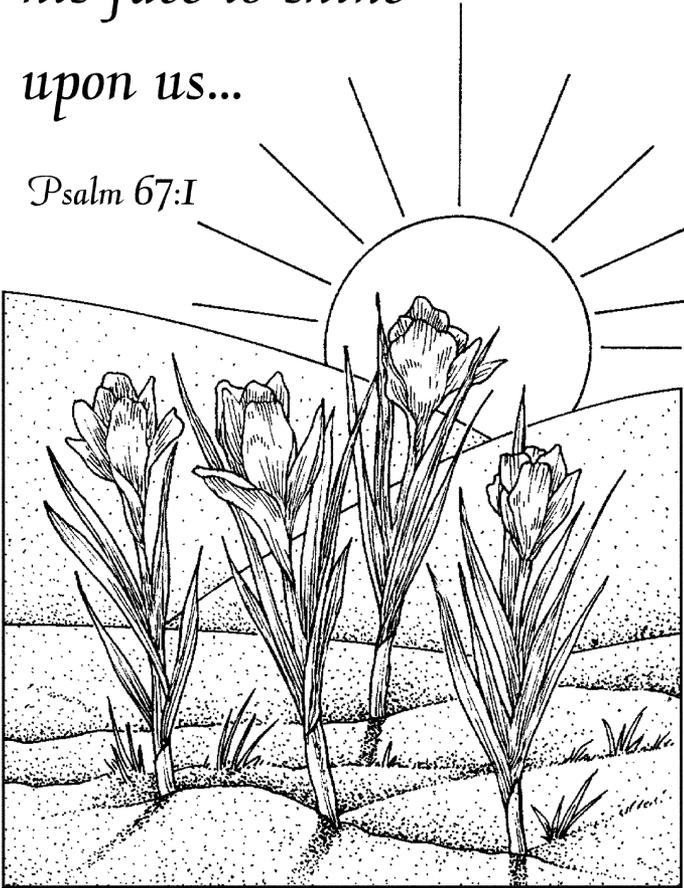


*May God be gracious to
us and bless us and make
his face to shine
upon us...*

Psalm 67:1



Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Prelude Variations on All Creatures of Our God and King Lathrop
Galen Shriner, keyboards

*Call to Worship

Nathan Ebersole

Leader: O God, from cities built with human hands we turn -

All: *We come to the holy city, that we might learn:*

Leader: Show us the truth that will check our lust for gain,

All: *The secret that will stop the spread of pain,*

Leader: The love that will end the strife that tears us apart -

All: *Until with you and our neighbors we are one in heart!*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

O God in heaven

SJ 53

Psalm 67

All: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make her face to shine upon us,*

Women: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Men: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

All: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God has blessed us.

All: *May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.*

Hymn	I sing the mighty power of God	HWB 46
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	How Firm a Foundation	Sadowski
Prayer of Dedication		
Time for Children		Beth Lichty
Anthem	Come, ye disconsolate <i>Women's ensemble</i>	HWB 497
The Lesson	Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5	
Sermon	The Beautiful City	Lois Harder
*Hymn	I want to walk as a child of the light	SJ 95
Work of the Church		Tom Harder
Welcome and Introductions		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Hymn	New earth, heavens new	HWB 299
*Benediction		
Postlude	Fuga in C major	JS Bach
*Congregation stands		

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 Dale and Vicki Blaine. **Nursery workers during worship** are Linda Doll and Rachel Reimer Kouame; **during Sunday School** Natasha Buller. **Fellowship workers** are Delores and Gordon Funk.

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.

Among our friends:

Many thanks to the people of Lorraine Avenue for your attendance at the Indian Taco fund-raising dinner for the Meeko Stumblingbear family. My heart is full of gratitude for your response of care! **Bill Anquoe**

Our granddaughter, **Kara Farney**, went into labor 6-8 weeks early this week. She lives with her husband and daughter, Khloe, in North Carolina, and was taken by Life Flight helicopter to a hospital in Greenville, NC, where there is a neonatal intensive care unit. We ask for prayers for Kara, her baby and family. Gretchen flew to NC to try to be of help. Thank you for your good thoughts and prayers. – **Gretchen Eick and Michael Poage**

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 Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Pantry (LAMP) is 18 years old and we’ll celebrate next Sunday (May 8), during Fellowship time. 17 years of partnership with Youth Development Services and our new

collaboration with International Rescue Committee. A list of suggested birthday gifts is on the table under the office window (and money is always welcome!).

The last **Global Learning Center program** of the year is **this evening**, at the Buddhist Temple, 4706 N. Arkansas on the east side of the street. The program on Buddhism and sustainability of the environment starts at 7. The meal for those who already reserved a space will be from 6-7 followed by the Dharma talk by the head monk, tour of the temple and Q&A time, for which there is no charge. You are all welcome to the program. Enter the temple where the altar is located.

An interfaith friendship and dialogue dinner, will be held Thursday, May 5, at the Rhatigan Student Center ballroom, WSU. The speaker will be David Peltier on “Dialogue as an Antidote to Extremism”. The program starts at 6:30. *Reservations are due May 2 to wichita.edu/saiddinner*. Turkish graduate students who are part of the peace movement Hizmet, who have spoken at LAMC with our Faith and Issues Sunday School class and who have been involved in the trips LAMC Members have made to Turkey, are the organizers of this free dinner and time of sharing.

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:

Today is Eastern Orthodox Easter! Pray for WDC congregations as they foster relationships of grace and peace with other communities of faith, in the spirit of the Risen Christ.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey, and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

We ask your prayers for the Bluffton University students who are spending their May term cross cultural experiences in Kentucky, Arizona, Chicago, Bangladesh and Iceland.

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Give thanks for the faithful witness of those who have been involved in the protests with Occupy INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) at INAC offices across Canada set off by the suicide crisis Attawapiskat. Pray for the encouragement and comfort of those still occupying.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

This is Holy Week for Orthodox Christians, and many joyously celebrated Palm Sunday last Sunday, and will rejoice in Easter Sunday in just a few days. Unfortunately, it is challenging for many Palestinian Christians living in the West Bank to get permits to enter Jerusalem, where many of these celebrations and services take place. This is especially true when the Easter holy season collides with Passover, a holy week for Jews.

God of all, we join with our Orthodox brothers and sisters in remembering Christ's death and celebrating His glorious resurrection. We also lament that the simultaneous occurrence of two religion's holy days leads to fear and limitations on movement, rather than joy and an outpouring of peace. Please help us to see one another as all part of your future kingdom here on earth. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Rick Everett, Wichita; Ethan Moulds, Wichita.

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	OZ Bike Group	6:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Mission Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.

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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