

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;
abide in my love. (John 15:9)*

Prelude

Arioso
Linda Buller, organ

Bach

*Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-5

Rachel Reimer Kouame

*Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done
marvelous things. His right hand and her holy arm
have gotten him victory.*

**People: The LORD has made known his victory; she has
revealed her vindication in the sight of the nations.**

*Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.*

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

*Hymn

When the morning stars together

HWB 34

Psalm 98:5-9

*Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

**People: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

*Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.*

**People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

*Leader: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together
for joy at the presence of the LORD,*

People: for he is coming to judge the earth.

Leader: She will judge the world with righteousness,

All: and the peoples with equity.

Hymn	Earth and all stars	HWB 47
Time for Children		
Anthem	This Little Light of Mine <i>Children with Alex Muñoz</i>	Trad.
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offering	Jesus, Still Lead On	Blackburn
Prayer of Dedication		SJ 29
The Gospel		John 15:9-17
Sermon	Love Connections	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Heart with loving heart united	HWB 420
Work of the Church		Lois Harder
	Welcome and Introductions	
	Announcements and Activities	
	Joys and Concerns	
	Prayer	
*Hymn	My life flows on	HWB 580
*Benediction		
Postlude	Awake, My Heart, with Gladness	arr. Hobby

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

*Congregation stands

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 Aimee Leisy and Kathy McColpin. **Nursery workers during worship** are Beth and Jonas Lichty and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Chuck and Rose Moyer.

Among our friends...

We extend our love and sympathy to Kathy Long at the death of her brother, Jim Brill. Jim died of cancer last Sunday, April 29, in the Meridian Rehab and Health Care Center. His service will be at Lorraine Avenue on Saturday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m.

A Memorial Service for **Fiona Okene** will be held at Lorraine Avenue on Friday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

We continue to hold Eunice Doerksen and her family in our prayers. Darrel suffered a massive stroke on Thursday evening, May 3. Currently, he is in the ICU at Wesley Hospital.

Congratulations and God's blessings to **Cari Holliday and Daniel (Dani) Montoya** on the safe and happy arrival of Olivia Montoya Holliday! Olivia was born on April 1st (which was Easter and April Fool's Day; it was also the day that Olivia's great-grandpa, LaVerne Rutschman, died) at 5:57AM and weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. She was born with a full head of dark hair and blue eyes. Cari and Dani will be traveling to Marseille in June to get her American passport so that the whole family can visit Kansas soon and introduce her to everyone. Proud grandparents are Ruth Rutschman Holliday and Bob Holliday. Grandma Ruth has been with them for the past 3 weeks. Well-wishes can be sent to Cari at carireneholliday@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Matt Lehman Wiens** who is graduating with a **Master of Business Administration** from EMU today.

Congratulations to **Anna Harder** who will graduate from East High School on Wednesday, May 9. Her final exams will be concluded the following week on May 16.

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

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.

The **2nd Annual Mother's Day Plant Sharing** is coming up! Sunday, May 13, the Board of Christian Education will host this even during Fellowship time, following worship. If you have extra plants from your garden to share, please bring them! If you would like new plants, please take some home! During the *Faith and Issues class*, we'll again have a Gardening Panel Discussion. Learn about building a Mennonite Cold Frame, a Keyhole Garden, and how to plant trees. Panelist will share with the class and we'll have plenty of time for questions, answer, and the sharing of ideas.

The youth group and their sponsors will gather at Oak Park in Wichita Friday, May 18, 5-8 pm, for an end of the school year picnic. Sponsors will provide bread and drinks, but please bring your favorite sandwich fixing and side to share as well as your discs to play a round or two of Frisbee golf. RSVP by May 16 to Mira Coulter at melico87@gmail.com or 316-680-1269.

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.

You are invited to attend the **MCC Sale Annual Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 6:30, at Tabor Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you pay at the door. Please RSVP to our MCC Liaison, Kathy McColpin, by May 23.

TODAY– Bethel College Masterworks concert: Bach's Magnificat in D and Mozart's Requiem, featuring the Bethel College Philharmonia and Bethel College Oratorio Chorus (with soloists Soyoun Chun, Monica Schmidt, Jill Siebert, Ron Garber, Chris Kliewer and Nathan Snyder), 3 p.m., *Memorial Hall* (ticket purchase required)

Wednesday, May 9 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II, 8 p.m. (*Krehbiel Auditorium* if rain)

Thursday, May 10 – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert, also featuring Steel Paradise, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

Saturday, May 12 – Kauffman Museum May Bird Walk. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

Sunday, May 13 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Reinhild Kauenhoven Janzen and Renae Stucky, “The Czar Comes to Breakfast: Celebrating 200 Years,” with faspas hosted by descendants of Agatha and David Hiebert to follow, **3 p.m., Kauffman Museum**

Sunday, May 13 – **Woven concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College** (NOTE CHANGE from previously printed calendars)

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for youth ministers from WDC congregations attending The Gathering Live this weekend in Kansas City, joining others from across Mennonite Church USA for fellowship, worship and practical resourcing for faith formation.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Today, “Sent 2018” is concluding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters worshiped and learned about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

Prayer for Faith and Learning:

Pray for the more than 550 graduates at EMU’s (Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA) 100th Commencement Ceremony. We give special thanks for the presence of speaker, Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee (’07).

Prayer for Peacemakers:

Pray for the LGBTQ+ community in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region. Pray for the safety of the community while they continue to struggle for their rights. Many LGBTQ+ community members receive death threats and face physical violence that can even result in loss of life. Pray for the transformation of the oppressive and violent situation in which they live.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Last week, twelve Palestinian and Israeli teenagers died in flash floods which hit various cities in Palestine and Israel. *Lord, we pray for the families of both communities as they mourn for their children. Dear God, only your Holy Spirit can give comfort to the hearts of the parents who have to bury their children. Lord in your mercy...*

In many countries around the world the first of May is the day designated as Labour Day. In Palestine this date is an official holiday to remember and support their workers. Many Palestinian workers are underpaid and unemployment levels have risen to an all-time high in 2018. *Lord, we remember the Palestinian workers who struggle to secure their daily bread. We ask that the military checkpoints and the danger zones may be cleared to enable the Palestinian people to travel freely to and from their places of work. Lord in your mercy...*

On April 29th, 2018 the Samaritan community, the smallest religious sect in the world, celebrated the feast of Passover. Today seven hundred and fifty people constitute the small community which lives on top of Mount Gerizim, just a ten minute drive from the Palestinian city of Nablus. *Lord, we pray for the Samaritan community as they celebrate their sacred day. We give thanks for the mosaic of the Palestinian community and all its members. We wish the Samaritan community a happy and peaceful holiday. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Michael Hughes and 2 grandchildren, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Trustees Work Day	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.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 Bystander Intervention Fellowship Hall
Sheryl Wilson, CEO, KIPCOR

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 Tom Harder

Office Hours

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
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