

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.  
John 14:1*

Prelude	Prelude in Classic Style	Young
Introit	Come and See <i>Katie Mitchell-Koch, Lois Harder, sopranos</i>	Hamm
*Prayer of Gathering	SS 179	Myra Swartz
*Hymn	Thine is the glory	HWB 269
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16		

*In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.*

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

*You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.*

*Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

**My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

*Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.*

Hymn	Unto thee, O Lord (Psalm 25)	Pew Insert
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**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 Dwayne and Sandy Schrag. **Nursery workers during worship** are Don and Mildred Franz; **during Sunday School**, Meribeth Buhr. (**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 Anne and Kerm Daum.

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

**Our love and prayers go out to Susan Unruh and her family** on the death of her father, Waldo P Dick, age 99, in Leo, Indiana. The memorial service will be May 21 in Indiana.

Apologies and happy birthday wishes to **Bill Anquoe** whose birthday was inadvertently left off the Messenger list! His birthday was May 4. Happy birthday, Bill!

This morning, 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!

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 21! 40-50 motorcycles and their riders will arrive at Lorraine Avenue.** These folks have paid an "entry fee" to ride together and worship together here, at Lorraine Avenue – this is a fund raiser for Mennonite Central Committee. After Sunday school, the motorcyclists **and the entire congregation** are all invited to stay for a cookout lunch (on the east patio). This event will also be a fund raiser with the money raised from lunch going to Sunflower Community Action, a local organization that works with immigrants. All of this is brought to you by your Lorraine Avenue Mission Board (LAMB) and the Peace Committee.

**Note:** There will NOT be Yoga classes from May 8 through May 19.

### **Youth Activities:**

This **Friday, May 19, 2017 from 1-4 pm** helping Judy Loganbill with raking, weeding, etc. in her yard. We will meet at her home (**215 S Erie, Wichita, KS 67211**). If you have them, **please bring some gloves and a rake**. Parents and other family members/friends are welcome to help with this project.

The **Youth's Progressive Dinner** on **Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 4pm-9pm**. We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church at 4pm and go from there. Youth can be picked up from Lorraine Avenue at 9pm. Please **RSVP for this event** by the **evening of May 16th** to Rachel Reimer-Kouame by texting 316-836-7223 or e-mailing rreimer83@gmail. This event is strictly for church youth, no friends or guests for this event.

Lastly, our service project week to Kansas City will be the **week of July 23rd, 2017**. Details are still being finalized, but we would tentatively leave Sunday, July 23 and return either Thursday or Friday July 27/28. Rachel Reimer-Kouame will again need an **RSVP for this event**. Please let Rachel know by **May 31** if your youth will be able to attend or not.

**Mark your calendar to join us for the Camp Mennoscah retreat weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>!** Details can be found in the May Messenger; a couple of highlights – new activities for Saturday, a new cabin to stay in, and cold potluck for Sunday noon. We hope to see everyone there. Contact Ruth Tieszen with questions.

**The Kansas African American Museum's excellent exhibit on President Obama's Kansas heritage has been extended** till May 27. House Churches, classes and other LAMC groups, please go see this exhibit in the next month. Please listen to Carla Eckels NPR interview with Mark McCormick and plan to go. ***AND, the Museum will be open for an hour after church TODAY if LAMC folks want to see the Obama's Kansas Roots Exhibit that will come down May 27; \$7 for non-members.***

<http://kmuw.org/post/new-exhibit-explores-obamas-kansas-roots>

**The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation:** June 1–9, 2017. This nine-day pilgrimage traces the route of the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people by the U.S. military from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary course can be taken for credit or audit. ***Sign up by tomorrow, May 15!*** [ambs.edu/trailofdeath](http://ambs.edu/trailofdeath)

**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!

**We LOVE our volunteers!** Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, Et Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on June 7 from 5-7pm in the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas. Check [mcc.org/volunteer-bbq](http://mcc.org/volunteer-bbq) for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen, 316.283.2720, [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org). We hope to see you on June 7!

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Give thanks for the diverse geography in which WDC congregations are located, and pray that we may care faithfully for God's creation through stewardship of land, facilities, and other resources.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

On this Mother's Day, thank God for all the women who have cared for you and shared God's love with you. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their children.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers as they depart for a two-week tour through the Midwest and minister to their audiences through music. Pray that God would give them safety as they travel and stay with host families along the way.

**Prayers Request for Peacemakers:**

On the first day of May most countries commemorate the International Worker's Day or the Labor Day. Millions of people take to the streets and march for their rights. They demand better and just conditions to carry out their jobs.

Let us pray for every worker on this planet. Let us pray for respectful and just conditions for all to carry out their work activities. Let us pray, and work for change, for a fair wage and for the end of all forms of slavery. Let us pray for all mothers to be able to receive adequate maternity leave. Let us pray for all children so that they can enjoy their childhood instead of exploitative work. Let us pray for both women and men so they can receive equal salary for same work and thus overcome the economic gap.

## **Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

On Sunday, the Israeli Ministerial Committee for Legislation voted for the controversial Jewish State bill, which anchors in law, Israel's status as a Jewish state. This bill will legitimize discrimination against the non-Jewish citizens of Israel who form more than 20% of its population. *Lord, you have taught us numerous times, to stand against the unjust laws and fight for the values of democracy and equality. We pray that all the citizens of Israel will overcome racism and seek true equality regardless of ethnicity, religion, color, and gender. Lord in your mercy...*

Last week, thousands of people gathered in Nelson Mandela Square in Ramallah to show support for the Palestinian prisoner hunger strikers. Nelson Mandela is viewed internationally as an icon against racism and an advocate for human rights. This week, many Palestinians and Internationals, including Church leaders and activists, plan to join a three-day hunger strike as a show of solidarity with the Palestinian prisoners' demands. *Lord, we continue to pray for the steadfastness of the Palestinian prisoners as they hunger for their rightful demands. We also pray for our people not to be led into the temptation of arms and continue the commitment to nonviolent resistance. Lord in your mercy...*

*We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Lord, in your mercy...*

## **Visitor last Sunday:**

Tom Moore, Wichita; Leah Harder, Johnny Wideman, Kim Walker, Christina Leonard, members of Theatre of the Beat, Ontario, Canada; John and Bernice Esau, N. Newton; Sheryl Esau, Wichita; Sharon Nance, Dallas, TX

## **This Week at Church**

Monday	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Music Committee Meeting	6:30 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.
	Mission Board (LAMB) Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	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 Room 208**

Teacher: Jill Robinson

## **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 Gardening Panel Discussion Fellowship Hall**

*Gardeners*

## 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)

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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