



*Pentecost*

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Pentecost

May 20, 2018

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*“When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send to you from the  
Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father,  
he will testify on my behalf.”  
John 15:26*

Prelude                      Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether                      arr. Childs  
Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire arr. Broughton  
*Erica Schmidt, organ*

Introit                      Come, divine Interpreter                      HWB 302  
*Chancel Choir*

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 104:24, 27-30)                      Judy Ebersole

*Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you  
have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

**People: These all look to you to give them their food in due  
season. When you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good  
things.**

*Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you  
take away their breath, they die and return to dust.*

**People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

*All: Send forth your spirit, O God, that we may be renewed.*

\*Hymn                      Holy Spirit, come with power                      HWB 26

Time for Children                      The Story of Pentecost                      Tom Harder

Hymn                      Wind who makes all winds                      HWB 31

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory                      Brother James’ Air                      arr. Wood  
Prayer of Dedication

Anthem	Spirit Divine	Snyder/Reed
The Gospel		John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Sermon	Para – what?	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Away with our fears	HWB 292

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions  
 Announcements and Activities  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Prayer

*Hymn	O Holy Spirit, by whose breath	HWB 291
*Benediction		
Postlude	Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	arr. Manz

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 Cindy and Miles Thompson. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Sylvia and Bob Schmidt.

*Among our friends...and beyond.*

**We extend our love and sympathy to Chuck Graber** at the death of his mother, Edith Graber, early Monday morning, May 14. A memorial service is being planned for several weeks from now.

**Pastor Lois and Miriam Nofsinger** went to central Illinois this weekend to attend a graduation and to visit extended family and friends; they'll return on Wednesday evening.

**Baby Shower for Madeline and Eric Crawford!** Ladies and Gents of LAMC are invited to help Madeline and Eric welcome their baby girl into the world! Let's shower them with love and gifts on Saturday, May 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can find their gift registries at Target and Buy Buy Baby, both in stores and online. Questions? Contact Alison Wenzel.

**Lucille (Schmidt) Phillips** was young when her parents became charter members of this congregation. She designed our stained-glass windows and more of her beautiful artwork can be seen in the painting that hangs in the north foyer. Several years ago, she went to live with her son and his family and has been attending church with them, so we haven't seen her here at LAMC for quite some time. But each time there's a visit, she reminds the visitor, "I'm still a Mennonite, you know." Lucille had a massive stroke on Wednesday. After a couple of days in the NICU at St. Francis, her family plans to take her home, with the care and assistance of hospice. When she dies, they would like to have her service here, at Lorraine Avenue.

Congratulations! High School graduates: **Curtis Robinson** from Northwest and **Anna Harder** from East. Graduate School: **Aspen (Schmidt) Yordy** from East Carolina University, Masters Degree in Human Development and Family Science with emphasis in Child Life Specialty and **Matt Lehman Wiens** from Eastern Mennonite University, Masters in Business Administration. AND, *congratulations to* **Judy Loganbill**, who received the Bill Reardon Award from the Kansas House Democrats!

Mark your calendars! **The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Picnic an Alternative Memorial Day Celebration**, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace, is coming up! Join us in celebrating our shared hope for peace in our world Monday, May 28, noon-2 p.m. at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Brethren, 10<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson. Bring your own lunch and beverage and lawn chair or blanket. *Rise Up Singing-Wichita* will lead the singing

which begins at 12:30 (and they'll provide the songbooks). Bring a poem or brief story if you'd like, to honor peace friends who inspire you.

**Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:**

As WDC's Year of Evangelism continues, pray that WDC congregations and members will find practical ways to share the gospel in their everyday lives and communities.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

This week, JCS, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary following the close of their annual board meetings. Pray for JCS as they remember God's faithfulness over the years and follow Jesus into the future.

**Prayer for Faith and Learning:**

Pray for Bethel College's Class of 2018 and their families and friends during today's baccalaureate service and commencement ceremonies. Pray for Francisca Méndez-Harclerode, biology professor, as she speaks to the graduates.

**Prayer for Peacemakers:**

*Pray for Columbian human rights defender Lilia Peña and her family as they heal from the trauma of threats to their lives.* On 9 May 2018, witnesses state that four masked and armed men entered the home of human rights defender Lilia Peña, threatening the lives of her elderly father, her housekeeper and two of her grandchildren.

Peña, the co-founder of the Regional Association for Victims of State Crimes (Spanish acronym ASORVIMM) has received threats on numerous occasions. In 2013 CPT accompanied Lilia for several days after someone threatened to throw a grenade into her house. Being a human rights activist like Lilia is an incredibly risky venture. According to the Colombian government's Human Rights Protection Office (Defensoria del Pueblo) from January 2016 to the 27th of February 2018, 282 community leaders and human rights activists have been murdered.

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Friday May 11, marked the seventh week of the 'Great March of Return' protest in Gaza. Thousands of Palestinians are demonstrating at the borders with Israel to call for the right of refugees to return to their homeland. At least eighty-eight Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces since the protests began on the 30th of March. *Lord, we*

*pray for the safety of those taking part in the protest and we long for their cries to be heard. We pray too that the international community would speak out in support of the right of Palestinians to return to the land they were forced to leave. Lord in your mercy... Hear our Prayers.*

Sabeel Nazareth organized a one day workshop on ‘The Nakba’, the catastrophe that befell the Palestinian people in 1948. During this time more than 750,000 Palestinians were forcibly driven from their homes and 530 Palestinian villages and towns were destroyed. *Lord, we continue to pray for perseverance for the people of Palestine as they struggle to live their lives. We give thanks for those who are willing to stand up and call for justice, even under threat of reprisals. Lord in your mercy...*

There are many chapters of Friends of Sabeel around the world who are committed to echo the cry for the liberation of the Palestinian people. There are established groups in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the UK and the USA. There is a new development with three more groups starting up in the countries of Ghana, Japan, and the Philippines. *Lord, we give thanks for all the people who are committed to taking a stand for justice and peace. We pray that the burden for the oppressed may be laid on the hearts of your children across the world. Lord in your mercy...*

### **Visitors last Sunday:**

Judy Reusser and Joe Brunner, Wichita; Luke Springs, Wichita; Tim and Kathy Wiens, Newton; Samuel, Jonah and Hannah Voth Schrag, Dallas, TX; Natalie Kubik, Haysville, KS; Nathan Buhr, Wichita; Michael Hughes, Wichita; Bernyse N’guessau, France; Gretchen Gebert Regehr, Alexandria, VA.

### **This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 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	Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 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 LAMC Transition Panel Fellowship Hall**  
led by Karl Swartz

## 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  
Pastor Tom Harder

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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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