

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church  
Wichita, Kansas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands  
from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;  
yet do it with gentleness and reverence.*

*I Peter 3:15b-16a*

Prelude	Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine <i>Linda Buller, organ</i>	Bach/Fedak
Introit	Come Let Us Worship <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Patterson
*Call to worship		Joel Tieszen

*Leader: Come! Let us worship our God!*

**People: In the face of all our realities; we are the people  
who heal each other,**

*Leader: who grow strong together,*

**People: who name the truth,**

*Leader: who know what it means to live in community,*

**People: moving towards a common dream for a new heaven  
and a new earth in the power of the love of God,**

**All: the company of Jesus Christ,  
and the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

*Hymn	I will stand in the congregation	SS 113
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Psalm 66 (adapted)

*Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise  
be heard.*

**People: God has kept us among the living  
and not let our feet slip.**

*Leader: You have tested and tried us, O God,  
as silver is tested in fire.*

**People: We have passed through fire and water.**



**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.

Special welcome to all motorcycle riders who are Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) supporters! **Everyone is invited (motorcycle riders and LAMC attendees) to lunch** on the east patio following Sunday school. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Lorraine Avenue Mission Board/Peace Committee for Sunflower Community Action.

**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 Dolly and Wally Seibel. **Nursery workers during worship** are Grayce and Reid Kaufmann; **during Sunday School**, Joel and Ruth Tieszen. (**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...*

**HEY Flower-growers!** All of you who have flowers growing, which includes most of you, and would be happy to share them so all could enjoy them on a Sunday morning, just give Anne Daum or Alana Ewy a call to say you'll bring them to church in time for Anne or Alana to arrange them for display in the sanctuary. It would be much appreciated! (And you know, we'll all enjoy them!)

**The WDC Annual Assembly will be August 4-6 in Arlington, TX.** A bus may be chartered from the Newton, KS area, the cost of which would be dependent upon the number of passengers. Please let us know BY MAY 30 if you have interest in traveling to Assembly by bus. A bus will only be chartered if enough interest is expressed, so it is important that you let us know!

The **Youth 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.

**We hope to see everyone at the Camp Mennoscah retreat weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>!** Whether you plan to rough it in a tent, stay in a new (or old) cabin, have modern conveniences in the Retreat Center, or just come out for the day, there is something for everyone. A schedule and details regarding meals and activities can be found in the May Messenger. Please sign up at the table in front of the office to assist with cleaning the areas we use at camp and to provide breakfast items. Contact Ruth Tieszen with questions.

From our Congregation Chair, Ruth Tieszen – mark your calendar for the **congregational meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>**, following Sunday school and lunch. If you have an item you wish to see on the agenda for discussion, please contact Ruth. Details and agenda coming soon!

We hope that **MAY 29, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Memorial Day Peace Picnic**, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace, is on your calendar too! It's a BYOL/B (bring your own lunch/beverage) affair, gathering at noon, at the **gazebo** in Riverside Park, close to Murdock St. roundabout. (In case of driving rain, we'll meet at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Brethren, 10<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson.) It's also a participatory event – we'll sing from 12:30-2:00, led by Wichita Rise Up Singing song circle folks. It's great fun and a fine way to remember those peace workers who've traveled on...

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

**The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is running particularly low on the following items:** bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers)

and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316.283.2720, [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org).

**If you are new to LAMC and would like to receive the E-News** that is sent out by the church several times weekly, please send your email address to the church office at [secretary@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:secretary@lorraineavenue.org). E-News offers information on various events of interest, items related to Mennonites, social justice issues, concerts, etc.

**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 Western District Conference:**

As the school year concludes, give thanks for WDC youth pastors and sponsors, and pray for youth groups preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention and other activities this summer.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Twenty young people will participate in Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture teams this summer. Pray for them as they prepare for experiences with partner communities in Benin, Northern Ireland, and Peru.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for God's spirit to be with Bethel College commencement speaker, Aaron Austin, and with the 2017 graduates, their families and friends who gather to celebrate with them the completion of their Bethel education.

**Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:**

This week the Palestinians are commemorating the Nakba, the catastrophe that happened 69 years ago, 530 Palestinian villages and towns were destroyed and over 750,000 Palestinians were forcibly driven out their homes in 1948. The Nakba created an enormous refugee problem and catalyzed a process of generational dispossession for Palestinians. **God of love and justice, as we commemorate the Palestinian Nakba (May 15) this week, our hearts break with the grief of 69 years of different forms of injustice and suffering in Palestine. Though our hearts break, please do not let our hope die. Keep our courage and resilience strong, and renew within the Palestinian people the will and the hope for strategic peaceful resistance to on-going abuses. Lord, we cry out that the continuing Nakba of Palestinian dispossession and suffering must end! We pray for all Palestinians at home and**

*abroad, especially refugees driven from their homes in 1948, they still long to return to their rightful homes. How long, O Lord, will This continue? Lord, in your mercy...*

This week, Sabeel is hosting a session to train and follow up with twenty facilitators for Bible studies. The meeting will be held in Jerusalem, and participants will come from 20 villages and cities in order to learn how to better lead contextual bible studies. **Lord, we thank you for the gifts and commitment of the emerging leaders within the community who continue to reach out to others through their faith. Send your spirit to watch over those attending this training session, and help them to hear the message You would like them to hear. Lord, in your mercy...**

Masked Israeli settlers attacked five international and Israeli activists as they accompanied Palestinian farmers in the occupied West Bank. The number of Israeli settler attacks against Palestinian farmers have been on the rise recently, often under the protection of the Israeli army. **Lord, we pray for hope in the midst of hopelessness. Grant us courage to continue to search for a raw of light in this darkness. We give thanks to all the people who stand in solidarity with our people on the margins. We pray for the quick recovery of the peace activists and for the awakening of the Israeli settler's consciences. Lord in your mercy...**

### **Visitors last Sunday:**

Natalie (Daum) Shelton, Stillwater, OK; Eleese Thompson, Wichita

## **This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.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 and Judy Ebersole

## 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*

**Faith and Issues The Story of Stuff Fellowship Hall**  
*led by Cindy Thompson*

## 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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Pastor Lois 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

Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 3:00 – 4:00

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