

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday)

May 28, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*So when they had come together, they asked him,
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore
the kingdom to Israel?”*

Acts 1:6

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy!
DeAnn Diller, piano

arr. Larson

*Call to Worship

SS 190

Lois Harder

*Hymn

Come, walk with us

SJ 2

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
sovereign over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**She chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;

God sits on God’s holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

***For the shields of the earth belong to God;
who is highly exalted.***

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 Cheryl Schmidt and Angie Smith. **Nursery workers during worship** are Beth and Jonas Lichty; **during Sunday School,** Aimee Leisy. (**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. You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

This morning's Faith and Issues class, the Mission Board (LAMB) will report on the two properties we own being used by local organizations: The Lorraine Center which now houses Family Promise, and the 633 House which is being used by the International Rescue Committee. LAMB will be sharing with us the successes as well as challenges they have faced in partnering with these two organizations. This is a wonderful chance for all of us to be informed before the Annual Business Meeting in June!

Among our friends:

Dear LAMC community,

With gratitude for the support, love, encouragement, challenge and blessings you've shared with me and Joel and our family these almost-twenty-two years, I wish you a fond farewell for now. On July 9, I begin a pastoral position (associate pastor for youth, small groups and other ministries) with West Heights United Methodist Church on the west side of Wichita. The call to this position came in a surprising way. With Joel, Anna and Henry, I continue to process it as I prepare to pastor at West Heights. For the time being, the rest of the Ewy family plans to continue being part of life at LAMC. We will, with you, listen for the Holy Spirit's counsel as we proceed in trust and joy. God bless you and keep you, dear friends! I will miss you.

Bev Baumgartner

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!)

Thank you to the Gardening Panel who shared their stories with us on Mother's Day - Catherine Everingham, Kerm Daum, Doyle Wilcox and Mel Epp. And thank you to all who participated in the Plant Sharing before and after class. If you still have plants to share, please send a note via e-news and we can continue the event for a couple more weeks! If you have a hankering for home-grown sweet potatoes, Cindy Thompson has "starts."

NO Centering Prayer tomorrow (May 29, Memorial Day). Hope to see you at the Peace Picnic!

TOMORROW, May 29, the 12th Annual Alternative Memorial Day Peace Picnic, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace! It's a 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 1st Church of the Brethren, 10th & Jefferson.) This is 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...

Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, May 31.

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 trip 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.

There will be no services at the church building on Lorraine next Sunday, June 4. Instead, drive to Camp Mennoscah and join us for

our retreat weekend – stay Saturday night at camp or just come for the day on Saturday and/or Sunday morning. However you wish to participate, come out and have fun worshipping together! ***Please sign up at the table in front of the office to assist with providing breakfast items and cleaning the areas we use at camp.*** Details and a schedule are in the May Messenger. Contact Ruth Tieszen with questions.

We encourage everyone to attend the Congregational meeting on June 11th, following Sunday school and lunch! Lunch is a fundraiser for the Higher Education Grant committee. Typically, with a shorter agenda, this is our least formal meeting of the year. Instead of filling our boards and setting our budget, we will focus on the non-business aspects of our church body. If you have an item you would like to bring to the congregation for discussion, please contact Ruth Tieszen, congregational chair

MCC Central States is hiring a Donor Relations Associate. The Donor Relations Associate is responsible for assisting in implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to face contact in order to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. This position is open within the 16-state MCC CS region. To see a full job description and to apply, please visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>.

If you 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.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission meeting this week as they provide support and accountability to leaders in our congregations.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Kristin and Mike Sharp and their two daughters are community hosts for a congregation in London. Pray for them as they extend hospitality to their socially vulnerable neighbors and to visitors to the United Kingdom.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for seniors at Bethany Christian High School, Goshen, Indiana, as they prepare for graduation today and decide on the next step in their lives: may they choose in light of God's calling on their lives.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

Last Sunday, the Israel prison service evacuated 60 hunger-striking Palestinian political prisoners to hospitals because their medical condition had deteriorated. The Israeli prison service has also moved 592 hunger strikers to infirmaries set up in the prisons for observation. *Lord, we give thanks for the steadfastness of the Palestinian prisoners and their faithfulness to non-violence. Hear our prayers Lord as we continue to recite “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” in our daily prayers. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers...*

Gaza’s electricity crisis has become acute and is going to get worse if no immediate solution is found. This came in a statement released on Friday by The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to the occupied Palestinian territories. Gaza has been experiencing a severe electricity crisis since mid-April after its only power plant stopped operating due to shortage of funds for its fuel. Both Hamas in Gaza and the Palestinian Authority continue to trade accusations on who is to be blamed. *Lord, Gaza is in darkness and our Palestinian political leadership is unable to see our suffering. We pray for an end to the Palestinian divisions and for the accountability of our leadership. God, grant our Palestinian people the power and a way to shout ENOUGH.*

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity – Fellowship Hall	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	<i>Camp Mennoscah Weekend Begins!</i>	

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 Property Update Fellowship Hall

led by Lorraine Avenue Mission Board (LAMB) members

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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

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