



**I WILL POUR OUT
MY SPIRIT
UPON
ALL FLESH**

Acts 2:17 (Joel 2:28)

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Camp Mennoscah Sunday

June 4, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Worship

*But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8*

Prelude	This Is My Father's World Come, Christians Join to Sing <i>Erica Schmidt, keyboard</i>	arr. Hayes
*Call to Worship	HWB 670	Beth Tanner
*Hymn	Creating God, your fingers trace	HWB 325
Psalm 104		
Hymn	For the beauty of the earth	HWB 89
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Holy, Holy, Holy	arr. Hayes
Prayer of Dedication		SJ 29
Time for Children		Acts 2:1-12
Anthem	Hear Me Redeemer <i>Chancel Choir, Erica Schmidt, Soprano</i>	Mollicone
The Lesson		Acts 2:13-21
Sermon	Show Me the Power!	Tom Harder
*Hymn	Holy Spirit, come with power	HWB 26w

Reception of New Members: Anna Harder, Kim Whitcher
Matt and Ruth Lehman Wiens
Confessions of Faith and Questions
Baptism of Anna Harder
Response of the Congregation No. 777

Invitation to the Table of Christ
Prayer of Intercession and Consecration
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Doxology Praise God from whom No. 118

*Benediction

*Congregation stands

Among our friends:

Thoughts and prayers go with Carolyn Beck as she has shoulder replacement surgery, Tuesday, June 6.

Congratulations and best wishes to Dan Eigsti and Steve Christman on their retirements this past week.

Please plan to stay for lunch and the Congregational Meeting next Sunday, June 11, following Sunday school. Lunch will be provided by the Higher Education Grant committee as a fundraiser. This grant supports our students pursuing higher education at Mennonite institutions. The agenda will include a treasurer's report, update on Aposento Alto, decision on sponsorship of the Israel-Palestine resolution for the MCUSA convention, and an open house of the renovated Sunday School rooms.

Men's Breakfast will be on vacation for June and July. The next meeting will be August 26. Enjoy the summer, Willard Ebersole.

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.

Centering Prayer continues to meet most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House **on the Bethel College campus.** Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are

welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Bethel College.

Sunday, June 11 –Book signing, 3 p.m., with authors Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe, for *The Kansas Guidebook 2*, beginning with a slide show of interesting Kansas places encountered on visits to all 626 incorporated cities in Kansas in a four-year journey, at the *Kauffman Museum*.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for God's guidance as preparations are made for WDC Assembly, August 4-6 in Arlington, TX.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

In early May, Margot Longley fell and broke her shoulder in Finland where she and her husband, Stephen, share Anabaptist perspectives in the Lutheran state-church context. Pray for Margot as she recovers from major surgery. Pray that she will not need a second operation to regain use of her shoulder.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Thank God for the faithful support of Bethel College alumni and friends, and for the lives being remembered in the annual Heritage Roll of Honor worship service and memorial this morning.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Palestinian political prisoners ended a 40-day hunger strike after the Israeli prison service agreed to meet most of their just and rightful demands. *Lord, we confess that we could have done more to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian political prisoners as they demanded their basic rights. We give thanks for the amazing steadfastness of the prisoners as they hungered and thirsted for justice through nonviolence. Lord, in your mercy...*

This week, our Muslim brothers and sisters in Palestine, Israel, and around the world started observing the holy month of Ramadan. *Lord of all, we remember our Muslim brothers and sisters as they begin to observe the holy month of Ramadan. We pray that this time of fasting will draw them closer to you, to each other and to all your children. Lord, in your mercy...*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Anna Harder

My name is Anna Harder, and I am a senior at Wichita East High School. Lorraine Avenue has been a home to me since age 1, when my parents returned to Wichita after having been at Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Growing up in the church surrounded by loving people has been extremely formative for me. My involvement in the church over the years has consisted of attending Sunday morning services, Wednesday night meals, youth group activities, the annual Camp Mennoscah retreats, etc. Going to and participating in church has always been a significant part of my life that I sometimes take for granted.

I began to question my faith at about age 10 when I started asking questions like, “What is God?” I’m still unsure of the answer to this, and I still have many questions regarding Christianity. I am far from sure of my faith, but I am eager to continue my journey as a member of Lorraine Avenue. To me, joining this congregation means walking alongside the members of this church in our search for Jesus Christ. Although I plan to leave for college next fall, I hope to grow in my spirituality by becoming more involved in the church and by following the word of God as I journey through life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Kim Whitcher

My name is Kim Marchand Whitcher. I was baptized by Stanley Bittinger into the Church of the Brethren in Falfurrias, Texas, my birth place. My father was also a pastor at that church, and after my uncle, Sam Swartz, moved to Ohio, he took over as pastor of the United Mennonite Church in Premont, Texas, my hometown. These three remarkable men, all ministers of peace churches, lifelong believers and seekers, were my role models and mentors as I began my own unending spiritual journey. I am truly blessed (or incredibly lucky) to have had Dad, Uncle Sam, and Stan as teachers, guides, and most importantly, examples, whose faith and actions were always consistent.

I am a lifelong teacher and learner. I believe that the main purpose of any religion is the same as that of education: to make us better people and to improve the world. At Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, I have found kindred spirits, open minds, and accepting hearts that do just that – make me a better man and the world a better place. I will try to return the blessing. I am honored

and humbled by the many who have invited and encouraged me to join LAMC.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Ruth Lehman Wiens

My name is Ruth Lehman Wiens, I just graduated medical school and will be working as a resident physician at Wesley Hospital in Family Medicine. I grew up at, and was baptized into First Mennonite Church of Newton, Ks. I was raised with the mindset that being a Mennonite Christian was to love people and to be of service to others, especially those who did not experience all the privileges I had grown up with and taken for granted. I was baptized my senior year of high school and then went on to spend a year with Mennonite Mission Network volunteering as a medical assistant in rural West Virginia. This experience solidified my calling to medicine and I decided to attend Bethel College for one year and then transferred to Goshen College for the remaining three years before entering medical school.

I have appreciated the focus Lorraine Avenue has put on matters of social justice and inequality, and my desire to join this congregation has only increased the more I get to know everyone here. Becoming a member will help me participate in this community of believers to practice what Jesus taught, to love our neighbors and care for others. Committing to this congregation means that I will be actively engaged in the activities of the church and become a part of a welcoming and supportive community. I look forward to continuing to grow in my faith through regular worship and accountability, and I am excited to face the challenges of life together as part of the church family.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Matthew Lehman Wiens

My name is Matt Lehman Wiens, and I work as the Director of Fund Development at Mennonite Mission Network. I see my role as holy work, connecting people with passion and resources to ministries, and enabling the holistic work of the church.

Lorraine Avenue is the first church that I've been member of since graduating high school. I was raised in Kidron Mennonite Church in Kidron, Ohio, where I was baptized. While I've attended Hesston Mennonite in Hesston, Kansas and Assembly Mennonite in Goshen, Indiana, I've not felt as though I've found a church home

until recently, when my wife, Ruth, and I began attending Lorraine Avenue.

This congregation has become a place where I feel welcome and valued, and able to express my spiritual gifts. As I travel significantly for my job, I've also found that Lorraine Avenue is a place where I am always greeted warmly, no matter how long I've been on the road. The communal support from Lorraine Avenue as I've settled into life in Kansas, begun my marriage, and continued in a time-intensive occupation has been invaluable.

As I consider my commitment to Christ and Anabaptism, I see Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church as a place for my beliefs to grow, and where the call of the church is not just preached, but lived. I was raised as an Anabaptist, but I choose it now, recognizing that my call is to serve others, challenge the Powers, and accept the possibility of persecution for following Jesus.

I believe that the teachings and life of Jesus are not just stories of what a man did. They are not examples of what life will be like in the future. The teachings of Jesus show us the life we are to lead. His life is an example of how we should live now. His death on the cross exemplifies what may be our ultimate calling, and his resurrection signifies that even in death, this radical life-calling is not in vain. In Christ, we are shown the full measure of what we must be.

Visitors last week:

Samantha, Alyssa, Faith and Johnny, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga (upstairs)	5:30 p.m.
	Sunnyside Assn.	6:15 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lorraine Ave. Mission Board	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

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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