



THE
COUNSEL OF THE
LORD
STANDS
FOREVER.
THE THOUGHTS OF
HIS HEART
TO ALL
GENERATIONS.

PSALM 33:11, NRSV

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

June 11, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Walther

Linda Buller, organist

*Call to Worship

Willard Ebersole

Leader: Come, let us return to God!

People: The Lord will heal us; the Lord will bandage our wounds!

Leader: Come, let us return to God!

People: The Lord will revive us; the Lord will raise up our spirits!

Leader: Come, let us return to God!

All: We will press on to know our Maker, that we may dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

Fill now our life, O Lord

SS 107

Psalm 33:1-12

PB 440

Hymn

Praise the Lord who reigns above

HWB 54

We invite the children to come forward on the last verse!

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Wood

Prayer of Dedication

Worship music

Mennonite Hymn Medley

Roger Kaufman, saxophones

The Prophetic Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

PB 733

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| Response | The sacrifice you accept, O God | HWB 141 |
| The Lesson | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 | PB 790 |
| Sermon | “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” | Lois Harder |
| *Hymn | Will you come and follow me | SS 39 |
| Work of the Church | | Tom Harder |
| | Welcome and Introductions | |
| | Announcements and Activities | |
| | Joys and Concerns | |
| | Prayer | |
| *Hymn | Thou, O Christ, my Lord and King (omit vss. 3 and 4) | SS 35 |
| *Benediction | | SS 200 |
| Postlude | O God, Our Help in Ages Past | arr. Fedak |
| *Congregation stands | | |

HWB =Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

Don't forget – there's lunch “on the grounds” following Sunday School today – followed by the Congregational meeting! (Lunch is a fundraiser for the Higher Education Grant committee.)

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.

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 Joel and Ruth Tieszen. **Nursery workers during worship** are Dale Blaine and Carmen Tamerius; **during Sunday School**, Joel 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 Kern Daum.

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

This afternoon, at the Kauffman Museum in North Newton – 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.

Curious about MCC's work around the world? It's not too late to sign up for an MCC Learning Tour! Join us as we travel to Haiti, Oct 21-28 and Palestine/Israel, Nov 3-14, 2017. For more information contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

See the thank-you postcard from MCC on the south bulletin board – they are grateful for the recent donations of comforters and kit supplies!

Iftar Dinner, Monday, June 12, 8:30 pm at the Islamic Society of Wichita, 6655 E 34th Street, North. You are invited to this community building event at the Islamic Society of Wichita. The Iftar dinner is where the daily fast is broken during Ramadan. Please RSVP at MYISW.ORG/iftar.

International Rescue Committee (IRC) invites you to their World Refugee Day celebrations. This year, their clients were invited to participate in Maker Events that were hosted by Lisa Rundstrom from Wichita State University's SHIFTSPACE gallery. The clients' art will be on display at SHIFTSPACE gallery, located at 416 S. Commerce St., Suite 102, during the following times:

Opening Night Celebration

Saturday, June 17th, 2017 - 6:00-9:00pm

Suggested minimum donation \$25.00

Food and Beverages included in admission

World Refugee Day

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 - 4:00pm-8:00pm

This event is free and open to the public
Festivities available for children and families

June Final Friday

Friday, June 30th, 2017 - 5:00-10:00pm

This event is free and open to the public

If you have any additional questions please call Loren Belew, Volunteer and External Relations Coordinator, International Rescue Committee in Wichita at 316-361-2795.

Uncle Carl's Camps, day camps at Kauffman Museum, have a few openings left for Prairie Animals, **mornings June 19-23**, with Carol Dilts of the Harvey County Parks Department, and Home Sweet Home Ceramics Workshop, **mornings July 11-14 and July 21**, with David Long, Bethel College professor of art. Prairie Animals is for ages 6-8 (finished kindergarten through Grade 2) and the ceramics workshop for teenagers 13-18 (finished Grades 7-12). Information and registration forms are available at the museum (corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton) or on its website, www.bethelks.edu/kauffman (look for the Uncle Carl's Camps logo at the top left) – or contact Andi Schmidt Andres at Kauffman Museum, 316-283-1612 or asa@bethelks.edu.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for God's strength and travel safety for WDC conference ministers as they visit congregations and pastors across WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Anne Kompaore has many requests for her linguistic expertise. Pray for her as she discerns whether to invest her energy traveling from country to country, or to respond to the many needs in Burkina Faso, where she has made her home since 1973.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Let this Children's Day prompt us to pray for Christ-like love to reach out to children who are neglected or abused, for children who are homeless or who live in war-torn rubble, in ghettos, in migrant and refugee camps, orphanages and hospitals. Pray that parents/caregivers may have strength, courage, insight and a generous portion of God's love to offer hope to all children.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

More and more people are becoming aware of the consequences of the industrialization of our world. The pollution of the air, soil and

water resources has increased notably because of the so-called development. Extremely dry seasons, prolonged cold winters, numerous floods and landslides are just some examples of the impact of the massive industrial production, global scale transportation and abuse of natural resources. For this reason, the country representatives signed an agreement to continue working for and supporting the development while decreasing the pollution and the global warming. But we need to understand that it's the consumption and production of things that we perceive we need that takes away or destroys what we all truly need: healthy and sufficient food and water, clean air and respect for life.

Let us pray for our world, for clean air and water. Let us pray for those who struggle to protect what is left and to regenerate what is lost. Let us pray for those who make decisions that will impact not only our present but also our future and the future of the life on Earth. Let us pray for each one of us to learn more, to care more, and to do more. We all deserve a better planet and many of us bear responsibility for the disasters that take place not only where we live but also in other parts of the world. So help us God.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

2017 marks many anniversaries in the history of Palestine. This week marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. *Lord, this week we lament 50 years of occupation, which gave birth to so much injustice, suffering, and dispossession for the Palestinian people. We pray that 2017, this fiftieth year, will be a biblical year of Jubilee, a year in which we proclaim liberty to our land and all its inhabitants. Lord, we cry out to you that this year will be a time to speak truth to power, a time to break the silence surrounding injustice, a year for peace, a year for Palestine. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

Last week, 15-year-old Nouf Iqab Infeiat was shot by Israeli soldiers who alleged that she was holding a knife, although the videos don't show that. She died a few hours later. As she laid bleeding on the street, the soldiers stood around her and shouted insults at her rather than getting her medical help. *Lord, the Israeli occupation continues to thrive on hate, violence, and fear while the children continue to pay the price. We ask you to comfort Nouf's family as they grieve the loss of their beloved daughter. We pray for an end to the occupation that devours children and the humanity of the occupiers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

Last Sunday, churches around the world celebrated Pentecost and remembered the beginning of the church in Jerusalem. Now, as then, the church here lives in a context of occupation and seeks to show an alternate Way in a world enamored with empire. *Blessed Redeemer of all the earth, this week we pray especially for your church in the Middle East. Stand with the women, men, and children who are your body in the Middle East and send your Holy Spirit to them. Protect your church from all evil and let it shine with the light of your love, truth, grace, and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

Visitors last week:

Sam and Luanna Schrag, Pretty Prairie; Tim and Kathy Wiens, Newton; Morgan and Abram Aronis, Wichita

This Week at Church

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| Monday | Centering Prayer | 4:45 p.m. |
| | Yoga | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Wellness Group | 6:45 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Deacons Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Yoga | 4:45 p.m. |
| | Music Committee Meeting – Library | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room | 12:00 p.m. |
| | Serendipity | 1:00 p.m. |
| | Lorraine Avenue Mission Board | 5:00 p.m. |
| | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall | 5:45 p.m. |
| | <i>knitting4peace</i> - Gathering Room | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Yoga | 12:00 p.m. |
| | Peace Committee meeting | 4:00 p.m. |
| | Oscar Siwali Presentation | 7:00 p.m. |
| | <i>Mennonite Mission Network</i> | |

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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