

*It is good  
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Thanks  
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Lord*



**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

June 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord!*  
*Psalm 90:1a*

Prelude      Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,  
                  I. Procession, II. Pastorale      arr. Behnke  
                  The Gift to be Simple      arr. Wood  
                  Erica Schmidt, keyboard

\*Call to Worship      Gerry Lichti

*Leader: Sovereign Creator of earth and sky,  
Savior always with us,  
Spirit sweeping over the waters,*

**People: renew our hearts today,  
surround us with grace,  
fill us with wonder and awe,**

*All: so we may honor you with our gifts of love and praise  
and worship you with our whole life. Amen.*

\*Hymn      Praise with joy the world's Creator      SJ 16

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to  
your name, O Most High;*

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and  
your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

*Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at  
the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

**People: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow  
like a cedar in Lebanon.**

*Leader: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish  
in the courts of our God.*

**People: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright.**

**All: God is our rock and there is no unrighteousness in God!**

Hymn We worship God the Rock SJ 28

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Beautiful Savior, (Fairest Lord Jesus) arr. Behnke

Prayer of Dedication SJ 29

Time for Children Katie Mitchell-Koch

Worship Music Trio for Flute, Oboe and Piano, Bill Douglas  
Procession

*Grayce Kaufmann, flute, Cindy Thompson, oboe,  
Erica Schmidt, piano*

The Lesson Mark 4:26-34

Sermon Michelle Armster

The Kingdom of God: WHAT IS IT!?

\*Hymn The kingdom of God HWB 224

Sending/Blessing for Tom, Andrea, Sam and Elena Michelle Armster

Statement- Unzicker Family

Congregational Response HWB 796

Hymn of Response We Are People of God's Peace HWB 407 v.1

Work of the Church Karl Swartz

Welcome and Introductions

Announcements and Activities

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

\*Hymn We Are People of God's Peace HWB 407

Vs. 2, 3

\*Benediction

Postlude Recessional Stickles

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 Allan and Beth Tanner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Erica Schmidt and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

*Among our friends...and beyond...*

**Happy Birthday (today) to Marla Kauffman!** (Her birthday was inadvertently left off the Messenger list.)

**On July 1 Janice Penner will be the new Library Committee Chair.** She and Duane spent time recently discussing the duties of this position. We are confident that with her leadership our library system will continue to thrive. Jill Robinson.

**Please attend the upcoming congregational meeting next Sunday,** June 24th following church. The Mennonite Higher Education committee is providing meal as a fundraiser.

**Ushers Needed:** Two regular ushers to alternate months with another pair. If you can't usher one Sunday in your assigned month, you can trade with other ushers. Substitute ushers also needed. Call Earl Schlabach at 651-6694 for more information.

**The Music Committee is actively searching for a new choir director.** We are talking to one candidate and are looking for more. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who might be, let us know! Roger Kaufman, Music Committee Chair

**The final tasting meal with Greater Faith Christian Church is Wednesday, June 27, at 6:00pm** in our Fellowship Hall. This tasting event will be a potluck salad and dessert meal. Bring your

favorite salad or dessert and the recipe if you haven't already submitted it. A sign-up sheet is in the south lobby. We are also soliciting new recipes, especially salads, fruit/vegetable, main dish salads, and side dishes. The recipes may be placed in the box on the table outside the office.

**SAVE THE DATE: The Blues Reception, Concert & Meal - Saturday, June 30th, 2018:** great barbecue meal and local blues musicians plus a new museum exhibit on the Blues. Get tickets (\$35) from Gretchen Eick or from The Kansas African American Museum, 601 Water St.

**Ellen Ebersole** and many other fine folks in the Western District Mennonite Church Conference have been sewing hundreds of cloth school bags. The month of July is a prime time to begin filling the school bags with the needed supplies as many stores begin selling them at discounted prices. *There is a list of the school supplies MCC is requesting on the table outside the office.* The items may be placed in the north lobby - wooden bench, or in the collection bin under the table at the church office window. LAMB will take the supplies to the MCC workshop in North Newton at the end of July, OR monetary donations can be made via the MCC website at [mcc.org/mrc/kits](http://mcc.org/mrc/kits) then click on Amazon Wish List. Linda Doll for the Mission Board

**Mon., June 18** – The Bethel College Women's Association invites everyone to **“An Evening with the President,” 7 p.m., Kaufman House (KIPCOR office, 2515 College Ave. in North Newton) – NOTE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS LOCATION.** Come meet Bethel President Jon Gering and his wife, Deborah. President Gering will speak on his vision for the college, followed by refreshments and conversation.

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

Pray for Southern Hills Mennonite Church today as they celebrate Roger and Cynthia Neufeld Smith's 30 years of pastoral ministry there.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

On this Father's Day, praise God for all fathers who pattern their lives on the One Jesus called “Abba.” Pray for fathers who are separated from their children due to work, incarceration, or other circumstances. May God's love bring healing in these families.

**Prayer Request for Faith and Learning:**

Pray for the seven Bethel College (North Newton, KS) students

awarded 2018 Summer Research Grants as they explore topics in Bible and religion, communication arts, English, history and peace studies, natural sciences, and psychology.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Disaster Service:**

This week we rejoice with La Grange, Texas where new homes will be constructed for Hurricane Harvey survivors in an area called Hope Hill. We pray for those organizing the work and for enough volunteers to bring people home. We ask God for hearts to be moved and hammers to ring. We also pray for those suffering because of the volcanos in Hawaii and Guatemala. MDS is monitoring the situation in Hawaii. To learn about Guatemala go to Mennonite Central Committee.

**Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:**

On Friday, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a 15-year-old boy, Haitham al-Jamal and three other Palestinians, while 92 others were wounded. Over the last eleven weeks more than a hundred Palestinians have been killed in demonstrations along the Gaza border.

Lord, we pray that there may be an end to this dreadful loss of life. We pray that the Palestinians may once again live peaceably, enjoying respect and justice in their homeland.  
**Lord God, let your will be done . . .**

**Visitors last Sunday:**

Judy Mitzner, Wichita; Miki Matsuda, Wichita; Judy Reusser, Wichita; Shawn McGreevy, Wichita; Roxanne McKenzie, Wichita; Annie Clark, Rome, NY

**This Week at Church**

Monday	Centering Prayer	8:00 a.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Library Committee Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 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 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 Youth/Children's Fellowship Hall**  
**Sunday School Classes**  
Beth Lichty

## 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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### Staff:

Pastor Lois Harder  
Pastor Tom Harder

**Office Hours**  
*returning June 25*  
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Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich	Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00
Admin. Asst. Linda Gebert	Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 2:00 –4:00
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