

O give thanks

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Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

June 24, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1*

Prelude

Songs of the Spirit
DeAnn Diller, keyboard

arr. Tate

*Call to Worship

Miriam Nofsinger

*Leader: Transforming God, you come to us in expected
and unexpected ways, desiring to be known
yet remaining a mystery.*

**People: Make your presence known among us.
Confront us.
Wrestle with us.**

All: Change us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

Holy Spirit, come with power

HWB 26

Psalm 107

*Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.*

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those who've been redeemed from trouble.**

*Leader: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business
on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord,
God's wondrous works in the deep.*

**People: For God commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

*Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God
brought them out of their distress; God made the storm
be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.*

**People: Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and God brought them to their desired haven.**

*Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

*All: Let them extol God in the congregation of the people,
and praise God in the assembly of the elders.*

Hymn	O God, our help in ages past (omit verses 4-5)	HWB 328
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Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Beach Spring	arr. Hartsell
Prayer of Dedication		SJ 29

Time for Children	Preaching to the Chickens	Cathy Everingham
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Worship Music	We Shall Gather at the River <i>Vern Zielke</i>	Lowry/Zaninelli
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The Old Testament Lesson		I Samuel 17:32-51
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The Gospel Lesson		Mark 4:35-41
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Sermon	The Giant and the Storm	Matt Lehman Wiens
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*Hymn	Great is thy faithfulness	HWB 327
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Work of the Church		Tom Harder
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Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn	God of our life	HWB 486
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*Benediction

Postlude	Across the Lands	arr. Koerts
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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 Beth and Jonas Lichty. **Nursery workers during worship** are Grayce and Reid Kaufmann and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Chuck and Rose Moyer.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (The list of classes is on the next-to-the-last page.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Today's Anthem:

The composer and author, Robert Lowry (1826 – 1899) (Lowry/Zaninelli) gives this account of how the song came to be written:

One afternoon in July 1864, when I was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist church Brooklyn, the weather was oppressively hot, and I was lying on a lunge in a state of physical exhaustion. I was almost incapable of bodily exertion, and my imagination began to take to itself wings. Visions of the future passed before me with startling vividness. The imagery of the apocalypse took the form of a tableau. Brightest of all were the throne, the heavenly river, and the gathering of the saints. My soul seemed to take new life from that celestial outlook. I began to wonder why the hymn writers had said so much about the "river of death" and so little about the "pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." As I mused, the words began to construct themselves. They came first as question of Christian inquiry "Shall we gather?" Then they broke out in a chorus as an answer of Christian faith, "Yes, we'll gather." On this question and answer the hymn developed itself. The music came with the hymn.

Among our friends...and beyond...

“Family” Cookbook Recipe Tasting is this coming Wednesday, June 27, at 6PM in our Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad or dessert, an empty belly, an open mind and a spirit of curiosity to sample dishes. This is the final tasting before the cookbook is assembled! We want *your* recipes to be included so get them in—a story about the recipe is optional. A sign-up sheet is in the north lobby but if you forget to sign up, please come anyway!

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

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 then click on Amazon Wish List.

Linda Doll for the Mission Board

Immigrant Family Support Network invites individuals and congregations who are seeking ways to assist immigrants and refugees, and those providing services, to a Forum. Several churches and organizations are presenting parts of the Forum. It is to be held at First Presbyterian Church from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 30. Presenters are from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America Immigration, Shalom Mennonite Church (a sanctuary church) Immigration Advocacy Network, Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Newman University, and Dear Neighbor Ministries. Social work professionals receive 3 hours of CEU’s though Newman University. See information posted on the

South Lobby bulletin board table. Or email: FEhmke51@gmail.com for more information.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC church Planting Commission as they encourage new church initiatives and for Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer as he coaches church planters in their ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

The Mennonite churches in Guatemala invited Deb Byler to work with women in their congregations. Pray for Deb as she builds relationships and encourages women to develop and use the gifts God has given them to strengthen their communities.

Prayer Request for Faith and Learning:

Pray for SeBAH (Seminario Anabautista Biblico Hispano) students who are taking “History of Christian People,” “Theology of Preaching,” and “From Thought and Reflection to the Page.” Pray for Professors Byron Pellecer and Rebeca Gonzalez. Pray for wisdom, health, and strength.

Visitors last Sunday:

Mark and Laurie Isaac, Visalia CA; Daniel, Allison and Aven Jantz, Derby.

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	8:00 a.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Tasting Meal with GFCC – Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee – Gathering Room	4:00 p.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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall
led by Tom Harder

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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