

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*But God said to Abraham,
“Do not be distressed because of the boy
and because of your slave woman;
whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you,
for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.”
Genesis 21:12*

Prelude Better Get Hit in Your Soul Mingus
Mike Fetters, Tom Harder, Joel Linscheid

*Call to Worship HWB 669 Miriam Nofsinger

*Hymn Praise with joy the world’s Creator SJ 16

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

*Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.*

**Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God;

be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

*All the nations you have made shall come and bow down
before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.*

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

*Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.*

*Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.*

Hymn Keep me safe, O God SJ 50

Report on Vacation Bible School Jill Robinson

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

 Offertory The Preacher Silver
 Prayer of Dedication

Music for Meditation A Child is Born Jones

The Lesson Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon No Room for Two? Tom Harder

*Hymn For we are strangers no more HWB 322

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light SJ 95

*Benediction

Postlude How High the Moon Lewis

*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.

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 Al and Carolyn Beck. **Nursery workers during worship** are Jeremy Mitchell-Koch and Catherine Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Earl Schlabach. (**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 Chuck and Rose Moyer.

Thanks to Mike Fetters, Tom Harder, and especially Joel Linscheid for providing today's service music. This is the last time they can play together before Joel moves to Boston for graduate school. We will miss Joel and Kimberly!

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

Among our friends...

This morning we bid farewell and Godspeed to Joel Linscheid and Kimberly Schmidt as they move to Boston (at the end of July). Joel will be earning his doctoral degree at the New England Conservatory and Kim will be exploring the area and ways she can continue to be an urban produce grower. We send them with our prayers for God's blessings!

Dorothy Buller, long time member of LAMC, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 1. She is no longer able to come to church, but would enjoy cards from friends. Her address is: 1315 N. West Street, #1006, Wichita, KS. 67203.

The **Krause family** wishes to thank the Lorraine Avenue congregation for their steadfast support through prayers, meals, frequent calls, cards, advice and discernment, help with care and

other expressions of love. All of this was deeply appreciated through Roland's last months and weeks. We have experienced the church being the church through this journey and we are grateful.

The flowers this morning are from Helen Grundman's memorial service this past week; we honor her memory with them.

Barb Morrison needs help to finish packing & to load a trailer. Saturday, 9-noon. 330 S. Yale St. (216)835-1012. Lunch provided. If you have a step ladder it would be useful. Thank you!

The Harder family, along with Jim Juhnke and Miriam Nofsinger, will depart today after Sunday school for northern Michigan where they will vacation with Miriam and Lois' extended family members this week. Tom and Lois will travel on to MC USA Convention in Orlando and return on Monday, July 10. While they are away, the Deacon on Call for June is Mike Fetters and for July is Adella Ozor. Peter Emery is available for pastoral needs.

Camp Mennoscah campers this week are Susie Wenzel, Jaden Lichty, and Elena Unzicker. Pray for these campers as they grow their faith. Mail to individual campers can be sent c/o Camp Mennoscah PO box 65 Murdock, KS 67111. Drop them a line--it's fun to get mail at camp!

What a successful week of VBS! This past week the church was filled with singing, games, snacking, sharing, and lots of inventing! Special thanks to volunteers from LAMC for helping the kids find purpose through God's word. Thank you to Pete Emery, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Alison Wenzel, Beth Lichty, Sylvia Schmidt, Linda Doll, Suzanne Birch, Tom Harder, Cindy Thompson, Grayce Kaufmann, and parents for bringing your children. - Jill Robinson and VBS planning committee.

Beyond Tolerance continues! Another opportunity to worship with the Greater Faith Christian Church is coming up on Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m.! Sign-up sheet for 50 people is in the south lobby (on the "sofa table") since seating capacity at GFCC is limited. There will be worship at 9:30, as usual, here at Lorraine Avenue that morning. Stay tuned for additional activities being planned for our two congregations to participate in together! The way for us to learn to know one another is... to learn to know one another! We will continue to worship together as well as eat and fellowship together, play and pray together. Let us reach "beyond tolerance" towards genuine friendship and camaraderie.

Towels & Cloth Diapers Needed! The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is currently running very low on towels for MCC relief kits and hygiene kits. Dark colored bath towels, dark colored hand towels and cloth diapers for infant care kits (flat fold preferred) are needed at this time. Donations can be brought to 121 E. 30th in North Newton, or you can purchase items from Amazon Smile or elsewhere online and have them shipped directly to MCC. Please contact Kate Mast with questions, katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for delegates, youth, and others from WDC traveling to Orlando, FL, for Mennonite Church USA convention in early July.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Eid al Fitr begins at sundown today. This Muslim holiday marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, which emphasizes empathy for the poor and focuses on the spiritual life. Pray for loving relations between Christians and Muslims around the world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

This summer, five youth are serving in their home congregations for 100 hours – working alongside their pastor in a mentoring relationship – as part of *!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth*, an Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary program. Pray that God would use these experiences to help shape and form them as Christ-followers and strengthen their leadership skills.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Last week, a 6.3 magnitude earthquake shook the Greek island of Lesbos and caused damages to a village and many buildings on the island. The CPT team on Lesbos is safe. However, the tremor cracked a wall of one of the meeting places for the refugee and local communities that CPT's partners worked hard to build.

An earthquake is a terrifying experience that may bring time of contemplation about life and conception of new perspectives. Let us pray for the safety and strength for the CPT team on Lesbos that works hard to amplify voices of their partners. Let us pray for the grass-roots movement of solidarity on Lesbos with those who seek justice and peace. May their commitment inspire us to act. Let us be thankful for our lives because we could lose everything in just a few seconds.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Israeli Occupation forces shot and killed two 18-year-old Palestinians after they attacked and killed an Israeli border policewoman outside the Old City of occupied East Jerusalem. *Lord, the people ask how long the streets of Jerusalem will be a battle ground. Why won't the Israeli occupation end? The decision makers remain silent and unashamed. The weeping of Palestinian and Israeli families are loud and clear, and the anger that thrives on the streets only promises more loss and sorrow. Dear God, we pray for justice; we pray for the day that the occupation will end. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

This weekend, our Muslim sisters and brothers in Palestine, Israel, and around the world will celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the feast marking the end of Ramadan. *Gracious God, we pray that this time of feasting and celebration may be a blessed time for all who are celebrating and that they will have opportunities for fellowship with friends and family. Lord, in your mercy...*

The Israeli Knesset recently extended the Citizenship and Entry into Israel Law for another year. This law prohibits family reunification permits allowing people from the West Bank and Gaza to live with their spouses inside Israel or East Jerusalem. The law was originally passed in 2003 and has been extended each year since. *Loving God, we pray for the Palestinian families who are forced to live separately because they do not have permits to live together. We ask for guidance for families who have to make difficult choices regarding their futures, whether that means moving or living separately. As they face the intimate consequences of a law intended to diminish the number of Palestinians in Israel, we pray for their wellbeing. Lord, in your mercy...*

We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Malawi and Zambia. *Lord, in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Western District Conference Associate Pastor; Natalie, Hannah and Camille Shelton, Tulsa, OK; Aspen (Schmidt) Yordy, Durham, North Carolina; Daniel, Allison and Aven Jantz, Derby, KS; Samantha, Yalissa, Faith and Johnny Steele, 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. |
| Wednesday | Yoga | 4:45 p.m. |
| Thursday | Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room | 12:00 p.m. |
| | Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall | 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday | Yoga | 12:00 p.m. |

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: Alison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: 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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall

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. 2:00 – 4:00

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