

People: rejoice in God's loving concern for us,

Leader: declare God's worth to all creatures,

People: and walk in obedience to God's will.

Leader: It is the same God who made heaven and earth and all of us who dwell therein.

All: Let us worship and serve God together!

Hymn Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB 76

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory I Surrender All arr. Hayes
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

The Lesson Matthew 15:21-28 PB 797

Sermon Stop! In the Name of Love Beverly Baumgartner

*Hymn Christ's is the world SJ 62

Work of the Church Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

Sending Born this way Lady Gaga/Vox Femina

I'm beautiful in my way
'Cause God makes no mistakes
I'm on the right track
Baby, I was born this way.

Don't be a drag, just be a queen
Whether you're broke or evergreen.
You're black, white, beige, chola descent,
You're Lebanese, you're Orient.
Whether life's disabilities
Left you outcast, bullied, or teased,
Rejoice and love yourself today,
'Cause, baby, you were born this way.

No matter gay, straight, or bi,
Lesbian, transgendered life
I'm on the right track,
Baby, I was born to survive.
No matter black, white, or beige,
Chola or Orient made,
I'm on the right track,
Baby, I was born to be brave.

*Benediction

Postlude arr. Hayes
No Other Name/All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Congregation stands

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

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.

Greeter this morning is Sara Penner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Daniel and Natasha Buller; **during Sunday school** Barb Morrison. **Fellowship workers** are Delores and Gordon Funk.

Following the worship service, you are all invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday school to begin.

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

Mark your calendars for **Summer Peace Poetry Readings**, hosted by People of Faith for Peace. The first reading is July 19, at R Coffeehouse, 1144 Bitting. There will be some “published” poets reading and we invite you to bring your own or read another’s work. There will be an event August 2 at Watermark. Come for a light supper and poetry!

There are five Sundays remaining in the summer for you and/or your musical group to offer **worship music**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south lobby. Vocalists/instrumentalists – we’d love to hear (from) you!

On June 25, 2006, *knitting4peace* was just an idea. Today it is a vibrant organization of knitters, crocheters, quilters, delivery agents, financial supporters, and volunteers who have collectively made a big difference in our world. By 2010, over 6,000 items had been created. By 2016, **over 100,000** items have been created – *27 items a day, every single day, 365 days a year*. The LAMC “peace pod” began in November, 2012 – we continue to knit and crochet and quilt and meet together the 3rd Thursday of the month. (And, you’ll notice we’re not “*women4women*” any more – we are women, men, children, LGBTQ, elderly, youth, healthy, physically and mentally challenged individuals who are collectively *knitting4peace*.)

The summer months bring lots of volunteers to the **Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center (MRC) in North Newton, KS**, and we love it! We've had such good help lately that we need to replenish a few kit items to keep our future volunteers busy! Here's the current list of most needed items: shampoo (13-24 oz.), nail clippers, large bars of laundry soap, bath and hand towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors), fabric measuring tape (metric), sanitary pads (18-24 ct, thin maxi). Donations may be brought to the MRC in person, purchased online and shipped to MCC or you can simply donate money designated "Kit supplies" and MCC will purchase the needed items. Questions? Call 316.283.2720. MCC Central States PO Box 235, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117. For full kit lists visit mcc.org/kits. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

WDC is looking for people in the Newton area to host persons coming to the Annual Assembly, July 29-30. Let us know if you can be a host - call Nancy at 316-283-6300 or email wdc@mennowdc.org. Thanks!

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a **Thrift Shop Coordinator**. This position is available starting in August and the position location is flexible within the 16-state Central States region. The Thrift Shop Coordinator is expected to encourage shop operations to grow profitability annually, to assist with problem solving in daily operations, to encourage and advocate for board development and sound policies, and to nurture manager skill development while offering and promoting MCC Thrift Shop Network resources. The work schedule is 40 hours per week. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/thrift-shop-coordinator-cs>. Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information.

Love is a Verb Spiritual Practices Resource starts July 1! Check out Mennonite Church USA's year-long spiritual practices resource on the 2017 convention theme, Love is a Verb. Written by Leo Hartshorn, it spans the year leading up to the convention in Orlando, Florida (July 4-8, 2017), focusing on the theme of love found in 1 John and exploring how each of Richard Foster's six spiritual streams — contemplative, holiness, charismatic, social justice, evangelical and incarnational — reflects the spiritual diversity present with Mennonite Church USA. Available in English and Spanish online: mennoniteusa.org/resource/love-is-a-verb-spiritual-practices-resource

Prayer Request from Aposento Alto: Pray for the congregation and their support committee as they continue their search for a new pastor.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance and joy for Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister (KS) who began her new role July 1.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich is taking a leave of absence from the LCC International University campus in Lithuania to work with a new LCC program in Georgia, assisting refugees to move into a future with hope. Pray she will have the wisdom needed to lead the teachers' team.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Bethel College (North Newton KS) students who are serving this summer at Camp Mennoscah in Kansas, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado, Camp Friedenswald in Michigan and other church camps — for health, safety and good interactions with children and youth.

Prayer for Peacemakers: Last Thursday morning 17-year-old Muhammad Nasser Tarayra murdered 13-year-old Hallel Yafa Ariel in the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba. Tarayra was then shot and killed. His family’s home in the Hebron-area village of Bani Naim will be demolished. Ever since Israeli soldiers killed Tarayra’s cousin, he had expressed a wish for death on his Facebook page. Please pray for all the families mourning the loss of loved ones. Please pray for all the families facing “price tag” attacks by settlers, which could include Campaign for Secure Dwellings families in the Beqa’a Valley, near Bani Naim, as well as people in the Old City of Hebron.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*: Yusra Mardini and her sister Sarah fled their home in Syria with 20 others, by boat. Thirty minutes into their journey, the motor stopped and the boat almost capsized. Yusra, Sarah and another woman got into the water, pushing and pulling the dinghy until they reached the shore in Greece. This August, 18-year-old Yusra will be one of 43 swimming athletes across the world who will be vying for the chance to compete in the Rio Olympics. **Thank you, Lord,** for the inspiring story of Yusra and Sarah as they start a new life in Germany. O God, be with all the refugees who are fleeing the Herods of today, hunger, war, persecution and drought. Lord be also with the people who remain in their countries, unable or refusing to leave, as they see their land continue to lose its amazing human gifts, now called refugees. Lord in your mercy.

Visitor from June 26: Pam Meador, Wichita.

This Week at Church

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	LA Mission Board meeting	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 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: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole
- Kindergarten - First Grade Shine!** **Room 201**
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel
- Second - Fourth Grades Shine!** **Room 202**
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty
- Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D.** **B4**
Teacher: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters
- Fifth - Tenth Grades** **B5**
Faith Formation through Games
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

Adult Sunday School Classes

- Empowerers** **Book Study** **Lois' Office (Basement)**
Learning to Fall – by Philip Simmons
- Uniform Bible Study Series** **Gathering Room**
Led by Rose Moyer
- Men's Group** **Book Study** **Library**
Better Dads, Stronger Sons
Led by Doug Everingham
- Faith & Issues** **Sermon Discussion** **Fellowship Hall**
Led by Lael Ewy

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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