

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered
the face of the deep, while a wind from God
swept over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:1-2

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul
Erica Schmidt, organ

arr. Beck

*A Gaelic Morning Prayer (adapted from Carmina Gadelica)

Myra Swartz

**I will kindle my fire this morning
In presence of the holy angels of heaven,
God, kindle Thou in my heart within
A flame of love to my neighbor,
To my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all.
To the brave, to the knave, to the thrall**

*Hymn

I sing the mighty power of God

HWB 46

Psalms 19

HWB 813

Hymn

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
We invite the children to come forward on the last verse!

HWB 81

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Prayer of Dedication

arr. Manz

Anthem

Duet
Vern Zielke, Greg Zielke

The Lesson		Genesis 1:24-31 Genesis 2:4b-9 Genesis 2:15-25 Genesis 3:1-7
Sermon	On re-reading Genesis 1, 2, & 3	Donald Steelberg
*Hymn	This is my Father's world	HWB 154
Work of the Church		Peter Emery
	Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer	
*Benediction		
*Hymn	You shall go out with joy	HWB 427
Postlude	You shall go out with joy, continued	
*Congregation Stands		

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

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 Ellen and Willard Ebersole. **Nursery workers during worship** are Aimee Leisy and Earl Schlabach; **during Sunday School**, Grayce and Reid Kaufmann. (**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.

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.)

In our community, our city, and beyond...

Lois and Tom are on their way home from the MCUSA Convention in Orlando, expecting to be home tomorrow. While they are away, the Deacon on Call for July is **Adella Ozor**. **Peter Emery** is available for pastoral needs.

On the lookout for 2 KMMC CDs: KMMC 2005 and KMMC 2008 CDs used for Roland Krause's memorial service are misplaced or missing. Please return them to **Pete Krause's** north lobby mailbox if you come across them. Many thanks!

Mennonite Church USA delegates on July 6 overwhelmingly passed a resolution on Israel-Palestine, confessing “our own complicity in this web of violence, injustice and suffering” and vowing “concrete steps to address these wrongs.” At the first business session of the denominational convention, the statement received 98 percent support, with 10 dissenting votes in a delegate body of about 550. The resolution opposes the Israeli military occupation while taking a stand against anti-Semitism and affirming the need to build stronger relationships with Jewish communities.

Mark your calendars for the **4th Annual Peace Poetry** event, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace. there are two readings – Thursday, July 20, and Thursday, August 17 – both at R Coffeehouse, 11th & Bitting. It'll be a great time! There are wonderful poets right here in Wichita and we have 8 lined up and YOU!

Excited to buy MCC school kit supplies when all the back-to-school supplies show up in stores? Consider helping refugee families in Jordan and Ukraine meet their basic hygiene needs with an MCC relief kit instead! Our partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for full kit information and from there click through to our Amazon Wish List for easier shopping and shipping. Just bring

or ship kit items to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117. Contact katemast@mcc.org, 316-283-2720 with questions or to schedule a kit-packing event at your church!

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.

On July 19, 6:00 p.m., Schowalter Villa and Kidron Bethel Village will be hosting Innovations in Living with Dementia 2017 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. The Central and Western Kansas Alzheimer’s Association will be speaking on healthy living for your brain and body. This is a free event for the community. Thank you for your consideration!

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week to finalize delegate assembly agenda, and give leadership to the vision and mission of WDC.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Jason and Tonya Yoder Rupp and their two children have finished their assignment at a Christian school in Paraguay. Pray for them as they re-adjust to life in the United States.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Goshen College leadership as President James Brenneman departs and Provost Ken Newbold assumes the role of interim president ahead of Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus’ arrival as 18th president of Goshen College.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

In the shadow of big national anniversaries of Canada and the USA, let us remember in our prayers all Indigenous peoples of the Turtle island and their struggle and pray for the CPT Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Team and its partners.

This week two countries on the Turtle island celebrate important anniversaries of their existence as sovereign states: 150 years since the creation of Canadian confederation and 241 years since the declaration of independence and formation of the United States of America. The grandiose patriotic celebrations and media coverage rarely remember the impacts of these historic events on the Indigenous peoples who had lived on and cared for these lands and nature for thousands of years.

Today, let us remember in our prayers the Indigenous nations of the Turtle island who "official histories" have attempted to ignore, erase and silence. Let us pray for the descendants of settlers, who built their country on genocide and land appropriation, because they (and we) are given an opportunity to learn about the past in order to understand the present. Let us ask the Creator to lead us on the path of transformation to become good allies and partners of future change. Let us pray for the CPT Indigenous Peoples Solidarity team and all their partners who play a pivotal role in these efforts.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

There continue to be new settlements approved in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. There are now plans to evict several Palestinian families from the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in order to build new homes for settlers. *God of justice, we watch in anger and frustration as more Palestinian land is taken for illegal settlement construction and expansion, and as Palestinian communities in East Jerusalem are isolated from each other. We pray for the end of illegal settlement building, which threatens peace with justice in this land, and we pray for the families who are at risk of losing their homes. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

The water shortage in the West Bank continues. This is a result of years of Israel's discriminatory water policies. The amount of water allowed to the West Bank has not been increased since 1995, although its population has almost doubled since then. As a result, the average Israeli has access to 2-3 times the World Health Organization's recommended minimum water allowance per day, while the average Palestinian living in the West Bank has access to only 75% of that minimum amount. *Lord, water is a source of life, and we pray for the people living in Occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem who continue to live with restricted water supplies, especially during this unusually hot summer, while others in Israel and in the settlements have uninterrupted access to water. Lord, in your mercy...*

Palestinians from the West Bank who work inside Israel are subject to many forms of discrimination. This includes denial of permits, checkpoint closures preventing workers from getting to their jobs, and lack of enforcement of laws intended to protect the rights of workers. *God, we pray for the many people who pass through checkpoints for work, prayer, medical appointments, and to visit friends and family. We pray that the systems that separate people and restrict their movements will be dismantled, and that all people will be able to have equal opportunity to support their families. Lord, in your mercy...*

We mourn for several tragic deaths that occurred recently. One tragedy was the death of a mother and her five children in a car accident on the way to Nablus. We also mourn the accidental drowning of a young man in Tiberias and the injury of his friend, who is still in the hospital. *Lord, be with those closest to the people who have died. Comfort their families in this time of grief. We also pray for a quick and complete recovery for the young man who is still in the hospital. Lord, in your mercy...*

We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. **Lord, in your mercy...**

Visitors last Sunday: Nelson Steelberg, McLean, VA; Rocky, Valerie, Ramon, Cara Muñoz; Samantha, Yalissa, Johnny, Faith Steele; Wichita.

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Return of the Harders!</i>	
	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.
	Lorraine Ave Mission Board meeting	5:00 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 – Fourth Grade *Fruit of the Spirit* Room 202
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Twelfth Grades Discussion & Games for Youth B4
Teachers: Judy Ebersole, Joel Ewy,
Nadine Reimer Penner, and Jill Robinson

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
led by Don Steelberg

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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