

*I bind my soul this day  
to the neighbor far away,  
and the stranger near at hand,  
in this town, and in this land.*

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church  
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

July 31, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

*For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,  
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.  
I Corinthians 1:25*

Prelude

Variations on Old Hundredth  
*Linda Buller, organ*

Loveless

\*Hymn

Romans 12:1-2, 14-21

Judy Ebersole

*Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**People: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

*Leader: Bless those who persecute you;*

**People: bless and do not curse them.**

*Leader: Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

**People: Live in harmony with one another;**

*Leader: do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;*

**All: do not claim to be wiser than you are.**

*Leader: Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.*

**People: If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

*Leader: Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God;*

**People: for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."**

*Leader: No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;*

**People: for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."**

**All: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

\*Hymn

Let there be light, Lord God

SJ 67

Psalm 34:14-18

Hymn                      O God, thou faithful God                      HWB 376

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory                      Come, Thou Fount                      arr. Manz  
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children

Special Music                      Duetto                      Rossini  
*Madeline Harder, cello; Eric Crawford, bass*

The Lesson                      I Samuel 25:2-35                      from *The Message*

Sermon                      The Wisdom of Foolishness                      Peter Goerzen

\*Hymn                      I bind my heart this tide                      HWB 411

Work of the Church                      Lois Harder

Welcome and Introductions  
Announcements and Activities  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

\*Hymn                      Long before my journey's start                      SJ 36

\*Benediction

Postlude                      Gavotte                      Handel

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

Many thanks to Peter Goerzen for bringing the sermon this morning and next Sunday. Peter is the campus pastor at Bethel College.

**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 Robert and Sylvia Schmidt. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Jill Robinson.

### **Among Our Friends:**

**Peter Emery** had emergency open heart surgery on Tuesday morning at St. Francis.

**Aposento Alto update:** The search committee has invited Angel Campos to candidate for the half-time pastoral position. Angel and Luz, his wife, will be here on August 14. Please keep them, the search committee, and Aposento Alto in your prayers as this process moves forward.

The **LAMC gathering** after worship is August 7 at Kiwanis Park, in an air-conditioned shelter house, 5101 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. **EVERYONE** is invited to participate – **bring food to share and table service.**

We would like to invite you to a special evening of fun at **Hope Mennonite on August 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The Book of Jebb will be here performing for about 45 min., and then we will be having an ice cream social. We would love to see some of you at this event!

From the congregational chair, Ruth Tieszen: We will be holding a **special congregational meeting on August 28**, following lunch after Sunday school! More details to follow, but please add this to your calendars and plan to join us.

PLEASE NOTE: **The NAMI Peer to Peer Class** for persons living with mental illness which was to begin on this Saturday, July 23, has been *rescheduled* to begin on Saturday, September 10 and conclude on November 19. Location and meeting time remains the same.

**Peace Poetry at Watermark Books**, Tuesday, August 2. There are some wonderfully talented poets lined up – you will be rejuvenated.

Come early to eat your favorite Watermark sandwich. Readings begin at 6:30 and will wind down at 7:40.

### **News from Family Promise:**

Give Hope! - NOW IS THE TIME! Please donate by August 15 to help ensure our opening this fall. Will you join us with a one-time gift for this important need? \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, or More? You can Sponsor a Cot with a donation of \$159! Online giving: [www.familypromisewichita.org](http://www.familypromisewichita.org). Checks and online billpay (save us processing fees): Family Promise of Greater Wichita P.O. Box 75001 Wichita, Kansas 67209. All donations are tax-deductible. Attached is a flyer you can print and hand out to help spread the word. Also, please share our facebook post on your page, your church's page, or other interested groups! <http://www.familypromisewichita.org/now-is-the-time/>

Day House Work Days (LAMC folks take note; this is referring to The Lorraine Center!)- Mark your calendars and spread the word about two upcoming day house work days: Saturday, August 6th & Saturday, August 20th, 8:30am - 11:30am both days. Cleaning and painting are at the top of the list, as well as some other small jobs. <http://www.familypromisewichita.org/how-you-can-help/>

July Supply Drive – Please bring Day House supplies you have collected to the next core team meeting!

Graduate Support - Its not too early to begin thinking about how we can support our program graduates. In addition to the organic support that comes with building relationships with families while they are in the program, we will also need to offer some basic structured support. Family Mentoring and Individual Development Accounts (savings incentive programs) are a couple of effective support systems we could offer our graduates. If you would like more information or are interested in helping to develop our initial graduate support program, please let me know!

### **Visitors from last Sunday:**

Kellie and Mike, Ana and Dora Thiessen, Manitoba, Canada; Judy Mitzner, Wichita

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:** Give thanks for WDC pastors, youth sponsors, and Sunday school teachers who are preparing for a new season of learning and growing in discipleship, as another school year approaches.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Marilyn Peters has been serving in Uruguay with Christian Associates International since 2013. Pray for her as she serves as associate pastor for an international congregation and also as a human resource and training liaison.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:** Give thanks for the many teachers, staff and administrators who work hard to show God's love to students and provide them with encouraging learning environments.

**Prayer for Peacemakers:**

Pray for the refugees currently trapped on the Greek island of Chios. They have waited four months for their asylum reviews in unsanitary conditions. Pray also for the member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams-Europe team member who just found out that his cousin was among the refugees who died trying to reach Europe in a forest along the Turkish/Bulgarian border. He had to communicate the news of the death to his family.

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:** In a 62-47 vote, the Israeli Knesset on Tuesday night passed an impeachment law that enables Members of Knesset (MKs) to expel fellow elected lawmakers found to have "*incited*" against the state of Israel. Analysts say the law is aimed mainly at Arab legislators and defies the basic principles of democracy. **Acts 18:9 "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent." Lord, they conspire to keep the truth silent. We pray for courage for the Arab members of the Knesset to keep crying out and not be silent. May the different perspectives and voices of the Arab Knesset members continue to disturb the unjust structures that exist. Lord in your mercy...**

# URGENT REQUEST

Sunday, July 17, at church, Michelle Armster, MCC Central States Executive Director, made a plea about the need around the world for **SCHOOL KITS** and **HYGIENE KITS**. She said that MCC 's supply of kits has been depleted and they are in desperate need of more due to the refugee crisis and unrest in various countries. Please help by bringing the following items for kits and place them on the bench in the North Lobby. Lorraine Avenue Mission Board members will see that they get to MCC in Newton as soon as possible.

## HYGIENE KITS

Contents (NEW items, in original packaging)

- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)



## SCHOOL KITS

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser



## 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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