

The image features a calligraphic quote from Micah 4:3. The text is written in a mix of black and blue ink with elegant, flowing lines. The quote is surrounded by decorative elements: teal and green swirling lines, and several stylized roses in shades of pink and red. The overall composition is artistic and visually appealing.

Then they
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into plowshares
And their spears
into pruning
hooks...

Micah 4:3

V. Heberer
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Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

August 7, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Worship

"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid..."

Micah 4:3-4

Prelude

Novelette in C Major
Erica Schmidt, keyboards

Poulenc

*Call to Worship

Romans 5:1-5

Beverly Baumgartner

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;

Women: and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Men: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Women: and endurance produces character,

Men: and character produces hope,

Women: and hope does not disappoint us,

All: because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us!

*Hymn

Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB 12

Psalm 34:14-18

Leader: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

People: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

Leader: The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

People: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

All: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Hymn	God of our strength	HWB 36
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	Prelude on “Dix”	arr. Smith
Prayer of Dedication		
Time for Children		
Worship Music		<i>Doug Everingham</i>
The Lesson		Matthew 5:38-48 (PB 786)
Sermon	Loving enemies and other wild ideas	Peter Goerzen
*Hymn	We are people of God’s peace	HWB 407
Work of the Church		Mike Fetters
Welcome and Introductions		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Hymn	For the healing of the nations	HWB 367
*Benediction		
Postlude	In Thee Is Gladness	Manz

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 again this morning! 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 Allan and Deborah Shorthill. **Nursery workers during worship** are Melanie Mitchell and Barbara Morrison.

Among Our Friends:

Congratulations to Karl and Myra Swartz on the safe arrival of grand-daughter, **Quinn Swayze Windham, born to Amy (Swartz) and Ryan** on Friday morning, August 5, at 7:00 a.m. Quinn weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces. God's blessings to the family!

At the time of printing, **Peter Emery** was not yet discharged from St. Francis.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Ron Glanzer** whose father, Aaron Glanzer died on Monday morning, August 1. Services will be at the Hutterthal Mennonite Church in Freeman, South Dakota.

Many thanks to **Debra (Whitermore) Carty** for her years of service as LAMC bookkeeper. Debra has resigned and we welcome Beth Tanner into this position.

Sylvia Schmidt and Linda Doll are participating in a SOOP assignment (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this week, serving from August 7-13.

Lois and Tom Harder are vacationing at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this week. They will return on Thursday.

TODAY! The **LAMC gathering** after worship is at Kiwanis Park, in an air-conditioned shelter house, 5101 W. 2nd. **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 TONIGHT 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!

We welcome Angel Campo and his wife, Luz, to Wichita for a candidating visit the weekend of August 13 & 14. They will be spending the majority of their time with the Aposento Alto family, worshipping with them on Sunday and having other gatherings

with them at Mennonite Church of the Servant and out and about. They will also be meeting with the church planting support group. **OUR BIG CHANCE to meet Angel and Luz will be during our fellowship time on Sunday.** They will be attending Hope Mennonite for a brunch and part of their service, then LAMC for some of our service and our fellowship time. They will then head to Mennonite Church of the Servant for a potluck with Aposento Alto. *Everyone is welcome to also attend worship at Aposento Alto at 5:30 on Sunday; Angel will bring the message and they will assist in the rest of the service*

From the congregational chair, Ruth Tieszen:

Please join us for a potluck lunch on August 28 after Sunday School followed by a special congregational meeting! The agenda will be a report from the Aposento Alto search committee, including their recommendation regarding the pastoral candidate. In order for the search committee to move forward they need to receive feedback from the supporting congregations regarding possible funding. Marv Zehr and Nita Nikkel, representatives of WDC Church Plant Commission, will be here. We will also have a financial report from our treasurer. Please come to this meeting prepared to share your questions, concerns and ideas and to listen carefully to one another and to The Spirit as we discuss and discern together. ***Bring food to share and your table service.*** Childcare will be provided.

Surveys were sent electronically a few weeks ago, asking about our congregation's interest in/willingness to become a host congregation for Family Promise. About a dozen responses were received. The LAMB would like to receive more responses! There are hard copies of the survey in your mailboxes; there are only 6 questions. Please give this some thought and take a few moments to respond. Return them in the box on the office table. Thank you!

Also in your mailboxes this morning is a flier about a **Poverty Simulation**. If you're interested in attending, please let Lois Harder know at lois.harder@lorraineavenue.org or Beverly Baumgartner at beverlybaumgartner@gmail.com

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

Experiencing Grief – Nadine Reimer Penner will facilitate 4 sessions on Thursday evenings in September (8, 15, 22 and 29). If you're

interested in attending, plan to attend all 4 sessions. Let Nadine know at nadine@reimerpenner.com. These sessions will be in the Gathering Room, 7:00-8:30.

Family Promise Day House Work Day (LAMC folks take note; this is referring to **The Lorraine Center!**)- Mark your calendars and spread the word about the upcoming day house work day: **Saturday, August 20th, 8:30am - 11:30 am**. 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/>

Our “**Beyond Tolerance**” weekend with Greater Faith Christian Church has been **postponed** to Saturday, September 10 (a BBQ/cookout held here at LAMC) and worship at GFCC on Sunday, September 11. Watch for more details!

The board of the **Camp Mennoscah** Association is excited to announce the selection of **Michael Unruh as its new executive director**. “The Board of Directors is excited Michael accepted our invitation to become executive director. He brings a passion for youth and Christian camping. Michael has experienced Camp Mennoscah as a camper, summer staffer, volunteer and program director. As part of a strong team, Michael will help Camp Mennoscah continue to provide people of all ages with the opportunity to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God.” Unruh’s first day in his new position is September 6, 2016.

Visitors from last Sunday:

Rian Koch, Dallas, TX; Dawson Fry, Wichita; Jack Long, Wichita;

Prayer for Peacemakers:

The judge has scheduled a hearing for Alvaro Garcia’s case on Monday, August 1. Pray that the judge releases Alvaro on house arrest while the investigation continues. Pray that there will be justice and transparency in the courtroom and pray for wisdom as the lawyers begin to build their defense to prove Alvaro’s innocence.

Prayer Request from *Sabeel*:

On Tuesday the 26th of July Israeli forces demolished 11 Palestinian homes in the town of Qalandia, north of Jerusalem, under the pretext of construction without permission. On the following day, Israel announced the approval of 323 tenders for housing units in East Jerusalem, and plans to build 770 units in the Gilo settlement which is constructed on confiscated land stolen from residents of Beit Jala and Bethlehem. **Lord, we try to hear your word and act on it (Mathew**

7:24). We build our homes on the rock but the Israeli bulldozers demolish them. The Israeli government builds settlements on our sand yet they stand. Lord, we have faith in you and in your word that you bring new life out of grief and loss. In your mercy, we pray that you will comfort all who have lost their homes and for all who are traumatized by this evil. We pray you will provide for them security, a place to live, neighbors they trust and the faith and hope that will sustain them: Lord in your mercy...

Pope Francis stated in Poland this past Sunday that it was wrong to identify Islam with violence and that social injustice and the idolatry of money and selfish consumption were among the prime causes of terrorism. We are thankful that many Muslims attended Catholic mass on Sunday in places of worship across France and Italy in solidarity with the church and people of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in Normandy for the barbaric slaying of the elderly priest, Father Jacques Hamel by the so called “Islamic State”, as he was celebrating mass on Tuesday, July 26. **Lord, although you told us to build bridges and cross borders we are often afraid. We give thanks for your children who refuse to give in to their fears and to be suspicious of their brothers and sisters. Help us learn to welcome You in the face of the other, and act as those embraced by your welcoming and enduring love. God of all nations, we pray that you will empower us with hope and faith that transforms evil and violence so that we will be humble but strong stewards of your peace-making, and live with a vision for a new community that embraces everyone as your daughters and sons; Lord in your mercy.**

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 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.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

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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Thursday is the pastors' day off

Fri. 11:00-1:00

Thurs. afternoon