

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

*Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth
enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?
But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this is what defiles.
Matthew 15:17-18*

Prelude

Unto Thee, O God

Aulbach

*Call to Worship

Angie Smith

Leader: Come worship the One who lifts up the weak—

People: And makes them grow strong.

Leader: Come adore the One who shelters the orphaned—

People: And quiets their pain.

Leader: Come worship the One who brings back the shunned—

People: And welcomes them in.

Leader: Come adore the One who touches the cursed—

People: And fills them with love.

*All: Come love the One who embraces our broken bodies
and forgotten spirits, who retrieves our abandoned
worlds and forsaken dreams.
Come, let us love! Let us worship our God!*

*Hymn

Jesus calls us here to meet him

SJ 3

Psalm 10:1-2, 7-9, 12-18

PB 428

Hymn

Let God, who called the worlds

HWB 138

We invite the children to come forward on the last verse!

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
Prayer of Dedication

Callahan

Special Music	Breathe In Breathe Out	Blue Wallace
The Lesson	Matthew 15:1-20 (PB 797)	
Sermon	Our Defiling Mouths	Tom Harder
*Hymn	O hear, my people	SJ 68
Work of the Church	Lois Harder	
Welcome and Introductions		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Hymn	Lord Jesus, you shall be my song	SJ 14
*Benediction		
Postlude	Andante	Telemann
*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 Adella Ozor and Erica Schmidt. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Jill Robinson; **during Sunday school**, Dale Blaine. (**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 Bob and Sylvia Schmidt.

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.)

Breathe In Breathe Out

by Earl "Blue" Wallace

You can see it in my eyez. I'm in a real dark place
Heart full of anger you can see it in my face
Set in my mind I'm ready to go back to prison
Homiez tellin me different but I'm really not listenin
Up fo 2 dayz ain't had no sleep
No faith no strength & I'm feelin real weak
Readin my bible & I'm prayin everyday
Tryin not to listen to wat do devil have to say
I'm so mad I'm ready to explode
Trippin off da thangz dat my girl was told
Gotta lean on my new best Friend
Lois on da phone tellin me to breath in
Breath in da Holy Spirit
Breath out dat evil Spirit
Breath in
Breath out
Itz sunny outside but all I see is rain
Body full of nothin but anger & pain
Tearz on my face cuz I'm sad & depressed
Deep down inside I know dis is a test
Gretchen on da phone trying to get me to listen
Tryin to keep me from going back to prison
Gotta kill my flesh by rebuking da devil
Get nearer to God & raise my spirit level
Tom said put away my old self
Lean back relax & take a deep breath
Gotta lean on my new best friend
Lois on da phone tellin me to breath in
Breath in da Holy Spirit
Breathe out dat evil spirit
Breath in
Breath out

Among Our Friends

Welcome to the world, Alexander James, born August 8, 2017, to Heidi Holliday and Matthew McKittrick in Kansas City KS! All are doing well, says Grandma Ruth. Best wishes to everyone!

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

Please mark your calendars to attend the **council/congregational retreat on Sunday, August 27th, during Sunday School and continuing after a potluck lunch, ending around 1:30 pm!** We will open the retreat with a brief business session to discuss a proposal to add a .5FTE youth minister position and continue with guided visioning using an adaptation of the Future Church Summit from MCUSA Convention. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Childcare will be provided.

Rev. Dr. William J Barber II will be in Topeka TOMORROW, August 21. (Posters are on the entrances.) This event marks the beginning of *The NEW Poor People's Campaign: a national call for a moral revival!* Barber is a powerful speaker – you may find videos of his talks on YouTube. For more information or to arrange ride-sharing, check with Pastor Lois or Barbara Gingrich. (Those of you returning from the “Zone of Totality” – this is right on your way home!)

There is a **Circle of Grace training** at the MCC Center Thursday, August 24, 6:30-8:30. The training helps those working with children understand the Circle of Grace curriculum and how to implement this important resource for child protection. Cost: \$20.00 per person. To register email: kathywiens59@gmail.com or call 316-587-7244.

Wednesday night suppers are returning, beginning September 6 and running through October 25! The “season” is 8 weeks instead of the usual 12 weeks, so don't delay! The sign-up sheet for cooking the meal is on the table outside the office window. Looking forward to dining with you in the fall.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday. Come for good food and fellowship – sharing your summer highlights and planning together for the coming months. This begins at 8:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Bethel College's Life Enrichment begins a new season August 30. This is the 43rd year and the program line-up continues to be quite interesting. Brochures are on the south lobby bulletin board.

Life Ventures – Adventures in Learning – begins its FALL session September 12 (but registration of \$60 for the session needs be paid by August 22.) The brochure is on the south lobby bulletin board and the “classes” sound intriguing (especially “soiled doves and naughty ladies!”). Classes meet at East Heights United Methodist Church.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission and Ministerial Leadership Commission, each gathering this week for their first meeting in the new organizational year.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for the newly renovated Bontleng recreation area in Botswana’s capital city will continue to be a place of beauty and peace. praise God for the fine-year ministry of Nathan and Taryn Dirks alongside African Initiated Churches, and pray for this young family’s transition back to life in North America.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

In Gaza, the ongoing humanitarian crisis continues to deteriorate drastically. This week, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) expressed their “deep concerns” for the intensifying humanitarian crisis. *Lord, we hold the people of Gaza in our prayers as they try to survive against all odds. It is true by bread alone one does not survive, but without bread and clean water they will perish. God, open the eyes of the decision makers of our world and soften their hearts to show mercy and grant Gaza justice. Lord in your mercy...*

The annual tour of the Palestine Youth Orchestra, a flagship project of the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, started in Amman, Jordan last week. Despite the difficulties and obstacles of bringing young Palestinian musicians from all over the world, concerts at Birzeit University and Al-Najah University were extremely beautiful and inspiring and went very smoothly. *Lord, we give thanks for the talents, enthusiasm and energy of those young musicians who uplifted the spirit of the audience and cast a mood of optimism and pride in the halls. Lord in your mercy...*

On Wednesday, the Jerusalem local planning and building committee removed the unjust proposal for the construction of 200 new housing units for Israelis on the ruins of the village Lifta. Lifta, is one of over 530 Palestinian villages that were depopulated in 1948 to pave a way for the establishment of the state of Israel. *Lord, we pray for all Palestinian refugees to be able to exercise their right of return to their homes. God, give us the needed strength to continue to raise awareness to the unjust actions of the state of Israel and*

for the state of Israel to respect and implement the United Nations resolutions. Lord in your mercy...

We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors last Sunday:

Anna Beth and Howard Birky, Goessel, KS; Judy Leiken, Wichita; Pam Gerber, Harper, KS; Belle Boyts, Hesston; Edith Buller-Breer, Newton; Helen Buller, North Newton; Ethel Buller, North Newton; Belia and Ervin Goossen, Hillsboro; Paige Minor, Wichita; Melissa and Tatum Johnston, Stillwater, OK; Kathy and Tim Wiens, Newton; Mr. Erb; Jan and Jim Erb; Claire Watkins. **Visitors from July 30:** Mikki Matsuda, Wichita; Amanda Richards, Wichita; Craig Osborne and Samantha, Truckee, CA; Jan Osborne and Noah, Joshua, and Katy, Wichita; Jill and Kevin Bell, Rose Hill; Jessica and Jon Huber, Wichita; **Visitors from August 6:** Jessica and Jon Huber, Wichita.

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	Shakespeare Rehearsal – Gathering Room	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Committee meeting	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.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)
Radical Hope, letters of love and dissent
in dangerous times, edited by Carolina de Robertis

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer
will begin September 3

Men's Study (women also welcome) Library
Christianity as seen through the eyes of Leo Tolstoy
led by Doug Everingham

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen
will begin Sunday, September 10

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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