

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

November 13, 2016

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away,
and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust,
and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength
and my might; God has become my salvation.*

Isaiah 12:1-2

Prelude

Fantasy in a minor
Linda Buller, organ

Bach

*Call to Worship

Miles Thompson

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth!

People: No more shall be heard the cry of grief or distress!

Leader: The sun of justice will set no more,

**People: It circles the heavens above us, borne by winds of
mercy!**

Leader: The light will shine forever;

People: it shall not be overcome!

Leader: Its rays are descending – let them embrace you.

All: Let us behave as children of light!

*Prayer

*O Lord, the earth is reeling, the foundations of the mountains
tremble and quake; we stumble in shadows over the shaking
ground, looking neither left nor right. We are blind to your great
light, and we are blind to those on whom the light has shone – the
weak and forsaken the afflicted and the tormented,
the powerless and the poor.*

**Restore our sight, Lord. Lead us out of the shadows of
indifference into the glory of faithfulness, that one day the
world might reel from rejoicing; that one day the foundations of
the earth might tremble beneath the pounding of dancing feet.**

Amen

*Hymn	Longing for light	SJ 54
Isaiah 65:17-25		PB 607
Hymn	O day of peace	HWB 408
Stewardship Moment	Board of Christian Education	
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
Offertory	God, whose giving knows no ending	arr. Kellner
Prayer of Dedication		SJ 29
Time for Children		
Worship Music	His Eye is on the Sparrow <i>Mike Fetters, Jim Fetters</i>	arr M Fetters
The Lesson	Luke 21:5-19	PB 856
Sermon	Signs of the times	Lois Harder
*Hymn	If you but trust in God	HWB 576
Work of the Church		Tom Harder
Welcome and Introduction of Visitors		
Announcements and Activities		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
*Hymn	My life flows on	HWB 580
*Benediction		
Postlude	God, whose giving	arr. Held
*Congregation stands		
HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey		
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story		
*Congregation stands		

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 Gaeddert and Ron Glanzer. **Nursery workers during worship** are Rachel Reimer Kouame and Erica Schmidt; **during Sunday School**, Melanie Mitchell. **Fellowship workers** are Anne and Kerm Daum.

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.)

Among our friends

Ann Fetters invites anyone interested to join her for a time of prayer—for ourselves, our nation and our world—today during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.

Lucille Phillips has been moved (at the Catholic Care Center) to room number 113B in Willow Creek Wing, just east of the main entrance.

Betty and Bryce Balton, along with Jackson and Lena, can be found in their new home at 2705 E. Kite Court, Wichita, KS 67219.

Jes Stoltzfus Buller, the MCC U.S. Peace Education Coordinator will be at Lorraine Avenue on Wednesday evening, November 16. She will share in the Fellowship Hall about her peace work with MCC from 6:30-7:30.

November 16 is the LAST Wednesday for supper and other Wednesday night activities for the season. Note that chancel choir rehearsal will meet at 7:00 beginning Wednesday, November 23.

Please make plans to attend the fall congregational meeting next Sunday after lunch. The Peace Committee will provide the meal as a fundraiser for their upcoming event, "This Will Lead to Dancing," to be held in May. More details on that to follow! This will be a short meeting, with updates from our treasurer and stewardship campaign.

Each year in November, The Lord's Diner collects warm hats, gloves, socks and scarves to be given to their guests on Christmas Eve and as needed throughout the cold season. We ask that the donations be new....in the package is ok because they will be opened and placed, 1-3 pairs, into each guest bag. We will be collecting these items until December 2nd. We will still collect calendars until the end of November. There are boxes in the north lobby.

At Home Family Devotions: Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between November 27 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. People of all ages enjoy this resource. Churches are encouraged to print copies for families with children ages 4-12. These daily lessons follow the scripture texts and themes to match the worship resources in Leader magazine.

Maxine Phillips, daughter of an Italian immigrant, is the speaker for the Peace & Justice Annual Dinner, Friday, December 2, here at LAMC. Ms. Phillips was raised on stories of both opportunity for and opposition to immigrants. Her church, Judson Memorial in New York City, works with the New Sanctuary Movement to protect and advocate for immigrants facing deportation. She is former executive editor of *Dissent Magazine* and a vice chair of Democratic Socialists of America. For many years, she was a co-editor of the magazine *Religious Socialism* and currently serves as a volunteer co-editor of the blog Religioussocialism.org and the print newsletter *Democratic Left*. Maxine will speak about strategies for supporting undocumented immigrants and changing U.S. policy. Call the Peace Center at 263-5886 to reserve your place.

This week at Bethel College's "**Life Enrichment**" – *Phyllis Schrag (a south Dakota Humanities Scholar in Ames, Iowa) on baseball, preachers, funerals, and growing up (2 sessions) AND Jeff Syrios on presiding over gods and monsters.* The sessions begin at 9:30, Wednesday morning, November 16, in Luyken Fine Arts Center and the registration cost is \$2 per week. This is the **last session** this year.

Hesston College will host its annual Thanksgiving Weekend Nov. 24 to 26. Join in on events and activities for the whole family including a Thanksgiving evening Masterworks concert, *A Downton Abbey Christmas*, followed by the annual talent show. Friday will be the two-mile run/Walk, The Benjamin Bolt, and a concert featuring the college's music ensembles. Men's and women's basketball teams play on both the 25th and 26th. Go to hesston.edu/thanksgiving for more information and a full weekend schedule.

Ten Thousand villages offsite sale: Plan your Holiday Fair Trade Shopping. Tell your friends and neighbors! Looking forward to seeing you! Friday and Saturdays - November 25-26; December 2-3; December 9-10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. Western District Office, 2500 North Main Street, North Newton, KS

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for the Executive Board and staff to look and listen for God's vision as they meet in retreat this Saturday.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz in Paraguay. C. Paul coordinates, supervises and supports the work of more than 50 business chaplains to provide spiritual and emotional assistance to employees in the workplace. Hildi provides spiritual direction and retreats to help people deepen their faith.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for Annette LeZotte of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as she speaks this afternoon about the Museum of Modern Art's work to develop programs for those with Alzheimer's disease.

Prayer Request for Peacemakers:

Give thanks for the witness of West Papuans who have resisted the genocidal policies of the Indonesian government and the witness of Christian Peacemaker Teams – Oceania. Even though Indonesian President Joko Widodo canceled his visit to Australia, after massive outrage in the country against Indonesia's human rights violations in West Papua, CPT-Oceania still felt moved to vigil on the lawn in the front of Parliament House. They read the names of West Papuans who had been arrested, jailed, killed and disappeared. They named West Papuans who inspire the CPTers to stand with them. They acknowledged their encircling presence, like a cloud of witnesses. "Berapa lama mereka hadir? Untuk selamanya. Untuk selamanya. Untuk selamanya. For how long are they with us? For always. For always. For always. For always..."

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

The leaders of the world's Catholics and Lutherans have signed a joint declaration at an ecumenical prayer service commemorating the greatest schism in western Christianity. The declaration stated that what unites the two traditions is greater than that which divides them. *Lord, we are thankful for this joint declaration. We pray that the spirit continues to unite your children. May the Churches no longer ignore your commandment of love, tolerance and unity. Lord in your mercy...*

Israeli authorities have demolished several graves in occupied East Jerusalem's historical Bab al-Rahmeh Muslim cemetery. Parts of the ancient cemetery were confiscated in September 2015 by Israeli authorities to make way for a national park. *Lord, Palestinians are not able to either live or rest in peace. We pray for an end to the Israeli government's greed and unjust measures. Help us God, to continue to seek the humanity of our oppressor. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors from Last Sunday:

Lowell Tieszen, Durham, NC; Will Friesen, Garden City, KS; John Wiebe, Copeland, KS; Joe Kondziola, Wichita

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	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	NAMI – Gathering Room	10:00 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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	<i>knitting4peace</i> – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

FINAL Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

5:30 – 6:00	Shining Lights Children's Choir	Room 104
5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:30	Children's Activities	Classrooms/Playground
6:30 – 7:15	Jes Stoltzfus Buller	Gathering Room
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Nursery care for preschool children is provided

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer-Penner, Joel Ewy

Eighth-Twelfth Grades Book Studies Room 208
Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole

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
God's Politics by Jim Wallis
led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues Kairos Palestine: Fellowship Hall
a moment of truth
led by Tom Harder

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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