May 15, 2016

The Road to Peace

Gathered by the Risen Christ
Gathering Song  *Come, gracious Spirit*  HWB 303
Lighting the Peace Lamp  *John 14:27*
Welcome
Music for Meditation
Call to Worship  On Screen
Prayer
* Song  *Holy Spirit, come with power*  HWB 26

To Hear God’s Word
Scripture Reading  *John 20:19-23*
Children’s Time  *A Story of Peace*
Trio  *The Prayer*
Scripture Reading  *Acts 2:1-21*
Sermon

To Live in Peace
Pray for Peace
Act for Peace - Communion

We will gather in small groups around the tables to celebrate communion.

While you are waiting, you are invited to sing:

*Jesus, help us live in peace*  HWB 299
*The church’s one foundation*  HWB 311
*Come, O Spirit, come*  STS 104
*(English, Latin, Spanish, English)*
*Holy Spirit, truth divine*  STS 105

Offering Our Gifts to God
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
*(Please fill-in and pass the friendship sheets)*
Prayer of the Congregation
* Song  * Blessing  * Musical Benediction  

*Congregation Stands (If standing is difficult, please remain seated.)*

Hymnals used in worship:  
- HWB - Hymnal a Worship Book (Blue)  
- STJ - Sing the Journey (Green)  
- STS - Sing the Story (Purple)

Preacher: Rachel S  
Worship Leader: Kathy G  
Song Leader: Marlene H  
Accompanist: Naomi W  
Lighting the Peace Lamp: Galen R, John David H  
Children’s Time: Rachel S  

Special Music: Gretchen B, Alejandra M, Naomi W  
Scripture Readers: Kathy G, Jennifer H, Kristen J, Roy U  
Slides: Kathy S  
Sound: Nathan G  
Sanctuary Prep: Janice P  
Ushers: Team C

OUR PRIORITIES

Over the next several years, we are focusing on  
- Enriching Worship  
- Enhancing Christian Formation  
- Small Group Development

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to  
- worship together as a community of faith,  
- invite everyone to share the gift of God’s love,  
- nurture each other in the faith,  
- serve others in the spirit of Christ, and  
- proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.

WELCOME

Welcome to Faith Church. We are glad you are with us this day. Please join us for our monthly carry-in meal following worship today.  

If you need a **listening assistance device** or a **large print bulletin**, please ask an Usher.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is provided in the nursery during worship for children ages three (3) and under. Verda D and Margo G are responsible today; Kathryn P and Tom G are responsible for next week.
Pray for Peace

Holy One,
For all of the ways you speak to us -
in rushing wing,
in dancing flames,
in words we understand,
and in all that transcends language,
we give thanks.

Give us courage to speak your love,
everywhere we go,
To everyone we meet.
Amen.

Written by Joanna Harader; posted on Practicing Families. http://practicingfamilies.com/

Act for Peace

In the week ahead:
Celebrate the birthday of the church by
extending a meal invitation to someone
at Faith you would like to know better.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AT 9:00 AM

**Nursery/Preschool** - “God's Good News”, Main floor, #207,
  Teachers: Brenda and Jesús M

**K-4th Grade** - “God's Good News”, Basement, #103,
  Teacher: Naomi W

**Middle School/Grades 5-8** - “God's Good News”, Basement, #105,
  Teachers: Gail U-R and Pam S

**High School** - “God's Good News”, Basement, FYG Room,
  Teachers: Deb S, Oris S, and Byron E

**ADULTS:**

**Young Adults** - “God's Good News”, Basement, #125,
  Teacher: Shari S

**Open Class** - “God's Good News”, Basement, open area

**Crusaders** - “The Gift of Faith”, Main floor, #205,
  Teachers: Vern J and Jane V

**Cornerstones** - “The Gift of Faith”, Basement, #124,
  Teachers: Wendell W and Roy U
HAPPY DAY!

Hudson Gene R, infant son of Emily and Jordon R, was dedicated during the morning service at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS, on May 1, 2016. Proud Great-Grandparents, Gene and Norma K and Jane V, attended the service. What a happy day!

THANK YOUS!!

1.) Have you ever seen a check for $620,000.00? You helped make it happen!! Join us at Tabor Mennonite Church for the “After the Sale” Banquet, May 19, 2016, 6:30 pm. A meal will be served, $15.00 per person; pay at the door. RSVP by tomorrow (05/16/16) to BJ R or to Peggy R. A big thank you to everyone who worked, gave, and prayed. Praise the Lord!

2.) Thank you for the donation to HOPE Home Repair for your faithful partnership to HOPE’s mission. Hope has been working to gather the funds to help an elderly widow replace her electrical box. It’s getting closer to reality! Hallelujah!! Thank you for enabling her to live in a safer home.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

Your help is needed to respond to the clean-up and rebuilding efforts following the spring wildfires in the Medicine Lodge area. There are several miles of fence to clean up, some brush removal, many corner posts to remove & replace and installing new fencing. Volunteers are still needed for Saturday, May 21, 2016. We are looking for approximately 50 volunteers. Lunch and transportation will be arranged. For more information, please contact Jordan M at jordan@millerconstruction.org, or contact Paul R.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to the Ordination Service of Ron M on Sunday, May 22, 2016, 3:30 pm, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. May God bless Ron and the Whitestone congregation.

WEDDING BELLS

Thomas A of Newton and Annette E of Whitewater will be married on May 28, 2016, at the Presbyterian Manor Chapel. A reception will be held at Emmaus Mennonite Church on June 18, 2016, 2:00-4:00 pm. All Faith members and attenders are invited.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

This year’s assembly will be July 29-30, 2016, at Bethel College, North Newton, KS. The theme this year is “Held Together in Mission”. Church council will be making appointments of delegates at our May 24, 2016, meeting. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Jim S, Moderator. Since this year involves no travel, we hope that Faith Church will be well represented. Everyone is invited to register and attend the conference. ~ Jim S, Moderator
URGENT NEEDS

MCC needs colored pencils (pkgs of 12) to complete school kits for shipment and receiving blankets (30”-36” lightweight fleece of flannel) for infant care kits. If you shop online, have your items shipped directly to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Thank you for your generosity!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:
Thank God for:
~ Our members who came together to clean and spruce up our church grounds and building
~ Persons who provide leadership week by week
~ Persons who volunteered at the Homeless Shelter
~ For the youth of our church and their successful burger bash

Pray for:
~ Graduates from high school and colleges as they celebrate this milestone and make decisions for future plans
~ Naomi and Harold W and family as they mourn the death of Naomi’s mother, Ruth N
~ Our search committee – for wisdom, discernment and a clear sense of God’s leading in this process
~ Harold R, Bette R, and Lorryane P; recuperating from surgery
~ Members of our church in nursing and assisted living
   ◊ at Kidron – Elma H, John S, John and Hulda S, Irene I
   ◊ at Presbyterian Manor – Bertha B, Len and Delores G
   ◊ at Schowalter – Albert E
~ Caregivers
~ Matthew G in Service Adventure

Western District Conference:
Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they work to support the growth and vitality of the church.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

BETHEL COLLEGE
• Today (05/15): Open Road Concert, 7:00 pm, Memorial Hall, Bethel College
• Thursday (05/19): Bethel College Women’s Association annual meeting, 7:00 pm, Kauffman Museum. The public is invited to view the special exhibit, “Root for the Home Team: Building Community Through Sports,” hear a brief summary of BCWA activities over the past year, and hear a presentation by Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel College associate professor of visual art and design. Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.
• Friday (05/20): Reception for the Annual Senior Art Show, 7:00-9:00 pm, Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center, Bethel College. Senior art majors are Sondra B, Xi C, Erin D, and Claire McS.

HESSTON COLLEGE PRESCHOOL
Hesston College Preschool is currently enrolling for Fall 2016, Monday-Wednesday-Friday Pre-K program. For more information, contact Larisa L at Hesston College.
**THIS WEEK (05/16 to 05/22)**

**Monday**
- 6:00 pm  Zumba

**Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm  Board of Administration
- 7:00 pm  Board of Christian Education

**Wednesday**
- 7:30 am  Ladies Breakfast @ Breadbasket
- 7:00 pm  High School Youth Group

**Thursday**
- Noon  Board Minutes due to Church Office
- 6:00 pm  Zumba

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am  Sunday School
- 10:00 am  Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 am  Worship ~ James 2:1-13

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
*VBS will be July 5-10 ~ Church Retreat will be August 20-21*

Please have all announcements for next week into the church office by **noon on Wednesday.**

**Board of Administration contact person this month:**
- Mike S  through 05/16
- David H  beginning 05/17

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for May 8, 2016**

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Attendance: Sunday School - 78  ~  Worship - 120