

# F·A·I·T·H

Mennonite Church



**Third Sunday of Lent**

## ***From Earning to Receiving***

Prelude

Welcome!

Peace Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

People: without money and without price.

**All: So let us praise God and sing for joy.**

Opening Prayer

*Seek Ye First*

VT 417

*Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

VT 9

Psalm 63: 1-8

Children's Time

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God's ways.

**All: Lord, move us from feeling we must earn your love to receive and give your grace to ourselves and others.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession: (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts  
and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for acting as if we must earn your love.**

**Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

Prayer for our Offerings  
*I Sought the Lord*

VT 161

Luke 13:1-9

*Persistent!*

Rev. Kristine Regehr

Musical Reflection  
Transition Moment

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

VT 610

Blessing  
Postlude\*

VT = Voices Together STJ = Green Song Book STS = Purple Song Book  
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*\*This service is streamed live. There will be a pause while the stream is switched from the public to the unlisted (private) stream for our congregational sharing, prayer, and announcements.*

**If you are unable to stand please remain seated.**

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Pastor.....Pastor Kristine Regehr  
Worship Leader.....Kathy Garber  
Children's Time.....Byron Ediger  
Song Leader.....Jerry Friesen  
Accompanists.....Marlene Habegger*

*Sanctuary Prep.....Leslie Hadley  
Broadcasting.....Jody Hadley  
Sound.....Nathan Garber  
Projection.....Jennifer Horn  
Ushers....Mike Doersken & Howard Allison  
Greeters.....Byron & Janet Ediger*

**Reflection question:** How are you receiving God's gift of grace today?

When do you have an opportunity to pass along God's grace by allowing others (and yourself) the time they need to grow and change?

**SOME OF YOU** are wondering.... What do the visuals mean? The worship visuals on the communion table are meant to help you become naturally subdued, understated, and quiet to evoke the desert experience for the season. This austerity is helpful to limit distractions and encourage focus.

# Welcome to Faith

Mennonite Church. We are glad you are here.

*Please wear a mask during worship and singing.*

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

There are a few \*quiet\* craft items on the back table of the sanctuary that can be used during worship.

## 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.

## FAITH FAMILY NEWS

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION** is needing spring yard work done at church. The first thing that needs done is cutting all the dry ornamental grasses. Contact Mike Schmidt (316-648-2570).

**CONTINUE TO PRAY** for the family of Helen Wehry as they prepare for her memorial service on March 26 at 11:00. Her family will host a lunch for all after the service

**MY COINS COUNT!** The TIME is NOW! We are all invited to collect our coins (and bills) in our homes and then bring them to church from now until April 03. Remember each coin collected helps feed a person somewhere in the world. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale this year is April 8 & 9 at the Kansas State Fair Grounds in Hutchinson, Ks. See the total collected on the back side of the bulletin!!

**A LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP** : "What is the Bible and How do we understand it?: By Dennis R. Edwards [Part of the Herald Press series The Jesus Way: Small Books of Radical Faith]. This study will be used during Lent and will meet on Wednesday evenings 7:00PM **March 2 through April 13** here at Faith Mennonite Church.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** service will be on April 14 at 6:30 PM. More details coming.

**I WILL BE** out of the office from March 21-28. I will be having ankle surgery on the 21st. When I am not in the office the first week, Kathryn Penner will be in the office 9AM-Noon. Shari Scheffler will be helping in the office as well. When I do come back I will be having shortened office hours. The days

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thank God for....

- The lowering infection rate of Covid, allowing us to gather more freely in person as a community of believers in our church.
- For the leadership in our church as we go through our time in transition and new beginnings
- Newton High School choir members and leaders who returned from Disney World safely.

We Pray for...

- Strengthening and support for those facing uncertain, unresolved, and chronic health issues and those recovering from surgery's.
- Our members in assisted living and health care:
  - At Kidron Bethel: Vernon Pauls, John & Hulda Schrag, Bill & Maurine Regehr, Rosella Wiens Regier, Norman & Lorraine Pankratz, Margaret Ward, Marvin Unruh
  - At Schowalter Villa: Galen Rudiger
  - At Presbyterian Manor: Delores Goering
- Be especially with Norman & Lorraine Pankratz as they adjust to their recent move into health care.
- Anna Lubbers as she continues her Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment, being shaped by many life changing challenges and opportunities.
- Junia and Doris Schmidt as Doris is experiencing weakness and slow recovery from effects of Covid.
- Comfort for those who have lost loved ones, and those experiencing loneliness and/or other difficult issues

Western District Conference...

- Pray for WDC congregational delegates planning to attend and in their preparation for the special session of MC USA assembly in May.

I will work from March 29- April 18 will be Tuesday -Thursday from 10AM-2 PM. I would appreciate your prayers. —Kathy Garber

## **OTHER AREA ITEMS**

**BEL CANTO SINGERS HOME CONCERT:** *Deep Peace* - March 22, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church Hesston College. The program is inspired by this year's theme verse at Hesston College, Ephesians 4:2-3, in which Paul calls Christians to lift each other up in community.

**SUNFLOWER PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS:** Kevin Vaughn, organ, and Stephen Lancaster, baritone - March 27, 3 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church

In collaboration with the Andover Organ Series, enjoy a splendid musical performance that will include *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams joined by Bel Canto Singers. Info at [sunflowerarts.org](http://sunflowerarts.org).

**BOHNE BERROGIE** bake day for the MCC sale will be on April 2 at Moundridge High. Volunteers are needed to fill the berrogie. Shifts are at 6:45 and 9:00. Please wear a head covering. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428 or at [bmg@lrmutual.com](mailto:bmg@lrmutual.com). Let's make this happen for MCC.

**WDC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - North Newton and local residents - As springtime approaches, the WDC office is in search of a volunteer to plant and take care of the flower pots in front of our building this year. If you would be interested, email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or call 316-283-6300 to fill this role. Thanks!

**GIVE THANKS** for the work of the WDC Immigration Task Force, as they connect and equip congregations that are offering hospitality and advocating for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

**CENTRAL KANSAS MASTER CHORALE** presents: Franz Joseph Haydn's Kleine Orgelmesse (Little Organ Mass). April 03, 2022 at 2 PM. This will be at Trinity Lutheran Church 119 N. Elm St., McPherson, KS. Featuring Donna Hetrick, organ; Ken Rodgers, piano; Joel Garber, conductor. Admission is Free.

**MCC IS SEEKING HOST FAMILIES** in Newton and Wichita Would you be interested in learning from and sharing a cultural experience with a young person from another part of the world? Do you know someone in Newton or Wichita who might be a great fit? MCC is expecting 3 international service workers to join our communities beginning in August of 2022. Host families are needed to provide a private bedroom, within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If you are interested and would like more information about being a host, please contact Abby Endashaw at [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto:abbyendashaw@mcc.org) or (720) 500 – 3413.

**MCC RESPONSE IN UKRAINE:** MCC continues to be in communication with our program partners, many of whom have reduced capacity because of the conflict. Currently, partners are responding in some regions as they are able with supplies they can secure. This includes distributing food, blankets, medications and fuel as well as other emergency supplies. The changing situations in the various cities and regions in Ukraine where there is conflict makes this work difficult and at times dangerous. MCC will continue to determine how it can support short-term needs. However, MCC's strength continues to be mid and long-term disaster response and we are working to

formulate these plans for Ukraine. MCC has been working in Ukraine for 100 years and we will continue to serve in Ukraine long after the crisis disappears from the news cycle. Donate today to support these efforts at [mcc.org/ukraine](http://mcc.org/ukraine)

**THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS** Hesston College is looking for host families for the 2022-23 school year. We will need homes that can house one or more students during our Fall or Spring breaks, and possibly during Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Gier and she will further discuss possibilities with you. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet young people from around the globe.  
[gretchen.gier@hesston.edu](mailto:gretchen.gier@hesston.edu)

**TODAY** (Sun., March 20) – Bethel College’s Staley Lecture Series presents Karen González, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. González is the author of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, 2019). She will also speak in Bethel College’s convocation on Mon., March 21, 11 a.m., Memorial Hall.

**NOW IN THE REGIER GALLERY** in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, Susan and David Harmon, “Painterly Aesthetics: An Expressive Duet,” through April 7. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

**FRIDAY—SUNDAY** March 25-27 – Spring musical at Bethel College, *Bright Star* by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Friday\*\* and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (316-284-5205 for credit card orders), online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts>, or at the door, subject to availability. \*\*The Friday night performance will be signed for the Deaf and hearing impaired. *Adult language and themes – not intended for young audiences.*

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Tues., April 5, guest artist Aaron Linscheid, trumpet, with Bethel College jazz ensembles.

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

**Pre-K — 4th Grade:**

LL Room 103

**Junior High  
(5th—8th  
Grade)**

LL Room 105

**High School**

LL FYG Hall

### ADULTS

**Cornerstone:**  
Fellowship Hall

**Open Class:**  
LL Open Area



**Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM on Sunday's, then to classrooms at 9:15-10:10 AM**

***This Week*** (03/21/2022—03/27/2022)

**TUESDAY:**

6:30 PM: Council

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:00 PM Lent Bible Study

**SATURDAY:**

11:00 AM Helen Wehry Memorial  
Service

**SUNDAY:**

9:00 AM: Sunday School  
10:30 AM: Worship Service with  
Communion

***Attendance for 03/13/2022***

*Worship: 70*

***My Coins Count:***

*\$305.32*

***Looking Ahead:***

**March 23-29:** New Hope Shelter

**March 28:** Caregivers Support Group

**March 28:** Church Vitality & Health

**April 4:** Mission Circle

**April 5:** Board of Worship

**April 8 & 9:** MCC Sale

**April 12:** Deacons

**April 14:** Maundy Thursday Service

**April 15 & 18:** Office Closed

**April 25:** Caregivers Support Group

***Board of Administration's Contact***

***Person for March:***

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***March:***

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Mennonite Church

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Monday - Thursday

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Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 12:00 & 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm; Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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