

F.A.I.T.H.

Mennonite Church

October 10, 2021

10:30

Prelude

Welcome! & Announcements!

Call to Worship

VT 866

Prayer

Acts 4: 23-31

God Is Here among Us

VT 62

Open my ears, open my eyes

STS 5

Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-6

Not by Your Might

VT 538

Acts 5:7-11

Sermon

How to decide? In a setting of Christian accountability.

Acts 5: 12-16

Musical Reflection

Transition Moment

Spirit of the Living God

VT 740

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 and prayer.*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastors.....Kristine Regehr
Worship Leader..... Kathy Garber
Song Leader.....Tom Gaeddert
Vocalist Tom Gaeddert, Gyles Garber,
Carmen Schmidt, Kathy Schrag, Kristine
Regehr

AccompanistsLisa Schmidt
Sanctuary Prep Leslie Hadley
Broadcasting..... Andrew Plank
Sound.....Allen Jantz
Projection..... Adam Scheffler
Ushers...Wendall Banman & Byron Ediger
Greeters.....Mark & Alice Jantzen

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 by the sound booth in 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

PASTOR ERIC'S last day with us will be next Sunday, October 17. We will say farewell and express our appreciation to Pastor Eric during the church service with a cupcake reception following the morning service outside. Pastor Eric has answered the call to be the pastor at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman, Kansas.

THE NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is coming up on the 24th of October. This will be also streamed around 11:30 on the private YouTube channel. If you have anything that needs to be addressed at the meeting, please have these items to the church office by Monday the 18th 3:30 PM. This meeting usually takes place on the third Sunday of the month, but with Pastor Eric's farewell and appreciation, it has been pushed to the 24th. You should have received the financial statements in your email. For those who don't have email, they will be in your church box. If you are needing a paper copy, please let the church office know.

THE THIRD QUARTER contribution statements are in your boxes.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN receiving Anna Lubbers' newsletter please send

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

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

CHILDREN

Pre-K — 4th Grade:

LL Room 103

Teacher: Brenda Martinez

Junior High (5th—8th Grade)

LL Room 105

Teacher: Tammy Plank

YOUTH/ADULTS

Fellowship Hall

Peaceful Practices

Teacher: Pastor Kristine



| Kristine Preaches | Class Session (Date) | Session # | Theme | Scriptures |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10/03 (Eric) | 10/10 | 4 | Engagement | I Corinthians 12:12-31 |
| 10/17 | 10/24 | 5 | Dialogue | John 4:3-26 |
| 11/7 | 11/14 | 6 | Empathy | Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 13: 10-15 |
| 11/21 | 11/28 | 7 | Authenticity | Luke 6: 37-45 |
| 12/5 | 12/12 | 8 | Dignity | Mark 11:15-19; Advent text |
| 12/19& | 12/26 | Christmas Season | No Peaceful Practices | |
| 1/2/22 | 1/9/22 | 9 | Transformation | Acts 15: 1-12 |

her your email to annalubbers17@gmail.com and she will get your name added to the list .

WORSHIP CONVERSATION: Worship leaders will be gathering soon to check signals and share creative ideas. If you're interested in possibly becoming a worship leader, you're invited to come too! This will be on October 13 at 6:30 PM! Speak to one of the Worship Board members: Leslie Hadley, Tom Gaeddert, Kathy Garber, Pastor Kristine Regehr

SEVERAL PEOPLE have inquired about purchasing *Peaceful Practices* in an already printed form. It costs \$5. Would you purchase one? Let us know by emailing the church office (office@faithmenno.org) We have a few in the office and will be able to get some more next week. Thank you, Pastor Kristine and Shari Scheffler.

BEYOND FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED to join the staff, board and members of the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains today, October 10 from 4 to 6 pm for a celebration of 40 years in Hesston! Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and birthday cake and ice cream will be served from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Some seating will be available - but feel free to bring other picnic goodies you might need to comfortably spread out around the grounds! A scavenger hunt and other self-guided activities will be set up and each family will get to take home a free tree to plant! The Flannelbacks will be making music on the Pavilion patio AND...Amy Sharp Photography will be there to take portraits.

NEWTON ET CETRA SHOP is getting ready for the holidays! Our Christmas Shop will open on Wednesday, November 3, and we'll continue putting out new holiday items throughout the remainder of the season. Please consider decorating your home or workplace with secondhand decor! We also have many gift items for sale during the holidays, including some extra special items such a diamond ring, local railroad memorabilia, and vintage German, Italian and American Christmas decor.

EVERNCE WILL BE HOSTING informative webinars in October beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5. Everence Financial® will host three informative webinars. Topics include Making Medicare an easy step, Maximizing your year-end giving and Estate planning basics. The online events are free. Informative flyer is on the bulletin board in the foyer. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/kansas or contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or central.kansas@everence.com.

MCC MEAT CANNING will be from November 16-17 for the church's in the Newton area. There will be 4 shifts daily for people to sign up for. When the SignUpGenius is ready, the link will be shared. A running total of our contributions toward MCC Meat will be on the back of the bulletin.. Please see the Witness and Outreach bulletin board by the education wing stairs for more information from Loren Reusser.

MCC IN NORTH NEWTON currently has over 800 sets of comforter tops and backs that need to be tied, as well as kits of fabric that can be sewn into more

tops. If you or your sewing group would be interested in tying or sewing for MCC, or if you have questions and are curious about how to make a comforter, please contact Kate Mast at the MCC Material Resources Center at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720.

CAMP MENNOSCAH

THE DAM @ CAMP MENNOSCAH will be removed on October 17! The fun will begin at approximately 2pm. Contact Camp Mennoscah if you have questions.

FALL SCRAPBOOK AND CRAFTS RETREAT @ Camp Mennoscah is November 5-7. Register at www.campmennoscah.org! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat.

BETHEL COLLEGE

IN THE REGIER GALLERY in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Roots and Wings: Our Gift from Mother Nature," a group exhibition by the Springdale Arts and Nature Center, Halstead, including sculpture by Beth Vannatta, through Oct. 22. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun, 2-4 p.m. *Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, "Bethel Sings," featuring small and large groups, 4 p.m. **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION** to the Ad Building steps, or Memorial Hall in case of rain.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – Although the 2021 Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Joining Voices Together," has been postponed due to COVID precautions, the "Voices Together" art exhibition will still take place as planned, with original artwork from the *Voices Together* hymnal on display Oct. 29-Nov. 19 in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus. With the cooperation of the Menno Simons Lecture endowment, Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, will be speaking twice on the Bethel campus on Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. (regular Friday convocation in Memorial Hall) and at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. A reception for the exhibit will follow the evening lecture.

IN ADDITION, Rachel Epp Buller, professor of visual arts and design at Bethel and gallery and exhibit coordinator, is available to church groups who would like to visit the "Voices Together" exhibit in the evenings or on weekends outside regular hours. Contact her at rebuller@bethelks.edu to set up a time between Oct. 29-Nov. 19.

ACTS 4-5 (Common English Bible)

Peter and John questioned

4 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them. **2** They were incensed that the apostles were teaching the people and announcing that the resurrection of the dead was happening because of Jesus. **3** They seized Peter and John and *put them in prison until the next day. (It was already evening.)*

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The believers pray

23 After their release, Peter and John returned to the brothers and sisters and reported everything the chief priests and elders had said. **24** They listened, then lifted their voices in unison to God, "Master, you are the one who created the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. **25** You are the one who spoke by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

*Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?*

26 *The kings of the earth took their stand
and the rulers gathered together as one
against the Lord and against his Christ.[a]*

27 Indeed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with Gentiles and Israelites, did gather in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **28** They did what your power and plan had already determined would happen. **29** Now, Lord, take note of their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with complete confidence. **30** Stretch out your hand to bring healing and enable signs and wonders to be performed through the name of Jesus, your holy servant." **31** After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking God's word with confidence.

Sharing among the believers

32 The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. **33** The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. **34** There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, **35** and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distribut-

ed to anyone who was in need.

36 Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, “one who encourages”), was a Levite from Cyprus. **37** He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Pretenders of sharing

5 However, a man named Ananias, along with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. **2** With his wife’s knowledge, he withheld some of the proceeds from the sale. He brought the rest and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles. **3** Peter asked, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has influenced you to lie to the Holy Spirit by withholding some of the proceeds from the sale of your land? **4** Wasn’t that property yours to keep? After you sold it, wasn’t the money yours to do with whatever you wanted? What made you think of such a thing? You haven’t lied to other people but to God!” **5** When Ananias heard these words, he dropped dead. Everyone who heard this conversation was terrified. **6** Some young men stood up, wrapped up his body, carried him out, and buried him.

7 About three hours later, his wife entered, but she didn’t know what had happened to her husband. **8** Peter asked her, “Tell me, did you and your husband receive this price for the field?”

She responded, “Yes, that’s the amount.”

9 He replied, “How could you scheme with each other to challenge the Lord’s Spirit? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door. They will carry you out too.” **10** At that very moment, she dropped dead at his feet. When the young men entered and found her dead, they carried her out and buried her with her husband. **11** Trepidation and dread seized the whole church and all who heard what had happened.

Responses to the church

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. They would come together regularly at Solomon’s Porch. **13** No one from outside the church dared to join them, even though the people spoke highly of them.

14 Indeed, more and more believers in the Lord, large numbers of both men and women, were added to the church. **15** As a result, they would even bring the sick out into the main streets and lay them on cots and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow could fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** Even large numbers of persons from towns around Jerusalem would gather, bringing the sick and those harassed by unclean spirits. Everyone was healed.

The Jerusalem Council harasses the apostles

17 The high priest, together with his allies, the Sadducees, was overcome with jealousy. **18** They seized the apostles and made a public show of putting them in prison.

This Week 10/11/2021—10/17/2021)

Tuesday

3:00 PM Gifts Discernment
7:00 PM Deacons

Wednesday

12:30 PCRC
6:30 Worship Leaders Discussion

Thursday

Board & Committee Minutes Due

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM Worship - Pastor Eric's Last Sunday.

Looking Ahead

October 19: Church Council
October 24: Congregational Meeting
October 25: Caregivers Support Mtg.
October 27-Nov. 2: Pastor Kristine Vacation

Please have all bulletin announcements and calendar items to the office by Wednesday Noon.
Thanks!

Please have board meeting minutes into the office by Thursday October 13, noon.
Thank you!

Attendance for 10/03/2021

Worship: 91
MCC Meat Canning Giving: \$2875.00

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