

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

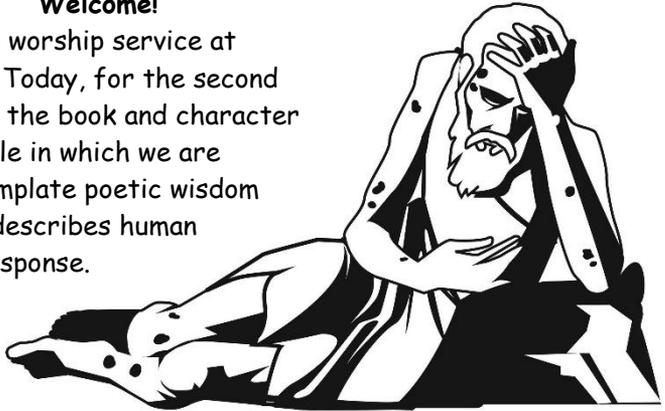
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## Welcome!

Welcome to this worship service at Alexanderwohl! Today, for the second week, we look at the book and character of Job - a parable in which we are invited to contemplate poetic wisdom literature as it describes human suffering and response. We'll hear dialogue between Job and his friends this morning.



## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Jared Janzen

**Welcome**

Patrick Flaming

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)

**Call to Worship and Invocation**

**Instrumental Call to Worship**

Jared Janzen

*Prelude in F ~ J.S. Bach*

+Lighting of the Peace Lamp and Lent candles

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

HWB 37

**Confession and Assurance** (Psalm 130:1-4)

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

**All: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

**Hymn of Response**

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

HWB 133

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Caleb

**Worship Music**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir

Children's Story

Chrystiana Miller

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** excerpts from Job Bryant Miller and friends

**Worship Music** *In the Stillness of the Evening* Chancel Choir  
(verses 1-3)

**Scripture Reading** excerpts from Job Bryant Miller

**Message** "The Value of Friends" Pastor Lois Harder

**Responding to the Gospel** (Open Sharing)

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Song of Response** *In the Stillness of the Evening* HWB 551  
(verses 4-5)

**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving

**Offertory** Communion on "*Humbly We Adore Thee*" Jared Janzen  
~ John G. Barr

**\*Song of Dedication** *God, Whose Giving* HWB 383

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Karen Unruh

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

**HWB-** *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue) **SWJ** - *Sing with Joy* (Red)

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

## Sermon Response

1. The Hesston tornado of March 13, 1990 was a Job-like experience for many in this community. What memories or reflections would you like to share about that event or its aftermath? Where did you see God?
2. What are your observations or reactions to these heated dialogues between Job and his friends?

## TODAY

**A Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are: Amy, Emily and Jenna Flaming.

**Song Leader** : Renae Peters

**Visual Arts**: Amanda Voth

**Greeters**: North – Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen

South – Darla Banman and Gary Lyndaker

**12:00 – 1:30 pm**: Faith Ex

## PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ We pray for all those with powerful memories and emotions from the destructive tornado that passed through the community exactly 30 years ago on Friday. May we find the presence of the Spirit as we remember these events and the strength of the community in the aftermath.
- ❖ We pray for people in the US and around the world impacted by coronavirus. We pray for healing for those who are sick, for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been quarantined. We pray that God's peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we are not overcome by anxiety and fear. (excerpted from prayer written by Kayla Berkey)
- ❖ Kay and Arlie Schroeder and the Balzer family as they grieve the sudden death of Kay's brother, David Balzer. Dave died of a heart attack on Tuesday at the age of 74. Services took place yesterday, March 14 at the Grace Hill Mennonite congregation.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### **Monday, March 16**

Pastor Caleb out of office

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

Pastor Caleb out of office

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

No Chancel Choir practice

#### **Thursday, March 19**

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

#### **Friday, March 20**

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

#### **Sunday, March 22**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship –

Nursery – Tina and Levi Schrag

Greeters: North – Travis Duerksen

South – Dennis and Norma Duerksen

### COMING EVENTS

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| <b>Mar 28</b>     | Church campus work day  |
| <b>Mar 29</b>     | Mennonite Student Fundraiser noon meal  |
| <b>Mar 29</b>     | Life-Size Foosball! Tabor Church – 3 pm (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> graders) |
| <b>Apr 4</b>      | Stations of the Cross - Wichita   |
| <b>Apr 5</b>      | Palm Sunday   |
| <b>Apr 9</b>      | Maundy Thursday   |
| <b>Apr 10</b>     | Loss of Turtle Island, AMC Fellowship Hall  |
| <b>Apr 12</b>     | Easter Sunday   |
| <b>Apr 17- 18</b> | MCC Sale  |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Caleb will be gone** Monday and Tuesday of this coming week in order to participate in a seminar at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

**Sr. Coffee is Friday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.** Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. This month Patty Corning, Diabetic Educator from the Newton Medical Center will be our guest (along with Amy Jantz, Clinical Liaison who was here several months ago). Patty will offer a power point presentation on "Myth vs Fact regarding diabetes". She will help us to understand diabetes, answer questions and give resources.

**The trustees are planning to move the section of four pews** that are under the south balcony and farthest from the front of the sanctuary to the open space at the front, in order to make a mock-up of a partition wall in front of the future elevator. **Rather than displace a few people, we would like to ask everyone to consider trying a new seating spot just for March 22.**

**Join us to keep our church campus in good shape!** The Board of Trustees, Board of Missions & Service and the Landscape Committee are teaming up to organize a church campus work day on **Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Tasks will include trimming trees, picking up dead branches, cleaning the playground area so fresh sand can be added, installing benches at the kiosk in the cemetery, maybe filling potholes in the church yard and potentially some tasks inside the church as well. Please bring your own tools to use for these projects. Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies. Lunch will be provided. **Please sign up by Tuesday, March 24.** Questions? Please ask Marlin Janzen, Tina Schrag or Pastor Lois.

**Capital Campaign update:** Thank you to those who have responded to the one year extension of the capital campaign with your donations and pledges. As we complete our goal of receiving an additional \$41,000 to fully fund the entrance/elevator project, there has been interest in the option to expand the hard surface parking area of the project as well. This option will cost an additional \$22,650. Any funds received beyond the initial scope of the project will be used for expansion of the parking area. Additional contributions and pledges can still be given to Dwight M. Flaming to help fund the expanded hard surface parking option. Thank you!

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### Sunday, March 8

Attendance: Sunday School	146
Worship	182
Offerings: Sunday School	\$36.99
First Fruits	\$ 8791.25

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.  
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Marilyn Unruh  
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Ruth Goertzen  
Cindy Hastings  
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Jim Schmidt

If you would like a visit or a phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us.

# **Your help is needed to continue the Children's Midweek Program**

## *Children's Midweek Coordinator Description*

(3 person committee with a 3 year rotation)

- Set calendar dates for the Midweek year.
- Prepare informational letter and registration forms.
- Select the curriculum for all ages of children  
(3 & 4's, K-1<sup>st</sup> gr. & gr.2-5)
- Recruit staff – teachers/helpers/ music leaders.
- Collect registration forms and update class lists/contact information.  
(some forms are documents in church office computer)
- Plan staff orientation, if desired.
- Plan for Safe Sanctuary training for new teachers and/or  
update with all teachers (with Safe Sanctuary Coordinator).  
Coordinate Circles of Grace training for students,  
(with Children's Ministry Team).
- Prepare teacher/helper folders with schedule, guidelines, class lists  
etc.
- Plan yearly schedule for Midweek sessions,  
(special events, service projects, field trips as desired)
- Communicate with parents throughout the midweek year  
about schedule/events etc. through notes or e-mail.
- Schedule substitute teachers as needed.
- Write children's midweek annual report
- Be present on Wed. nights to monitor classes, ring bells, etc.
- Serves on Children's Ministry Team.

**If you have any interest or questions concerning this  
position -**

**Please contact Janine Peters, Amy Flaming or Nicole  
Hein.**

**LET'S CELEBRATE 100 years of MCC** helping people by serving at the Kansas MCC sale. Like many other things sign up to help has gone to technology. Many volunteers are needed and it is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Look up the website, [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)
2. Find the activity and time you would like to volunteer.
3. Click "send" and you are done.

Need help, have questions? Contact Alan or Sharon Boese, Jim or Mary Schmidt

**Upcoming Lenten** disciplines you can **participate** in: **Saturday, April 4**, leaving the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Walking the "Stations of the Cross" at the Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire (north Wichita). This is a outdoor, stone-paved path with the traditional "stations" that Jesus walked while carrying the cross, each station is a detailed stone carving. We walk together, as a group and spend some time in silence, some time in prayer. Allow 90 minutes for the walk.

Another opportunity is on **Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.** at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. **The Loss of Turtle Island** is a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers (including Mennonites) and the Indigenous nations of the land we now call North America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination – in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. We offer this on Good Friday evening as a time to reflect on the suffering of Jesus and how he stood in solidarity with all who have suffered under the weight of occupation and colonization. This experience is profound and thought-provoking and can be done inter-generationally; recommended for Middle School and older.

**Lost & Found** - Please check out the Lost and Found items in the lower south lobby coat rack for your missing jackets, sweatshirts, lunch bags, water bottles, etc. Also, there are cake and pie pans in the kitchen that need to be claimed. All items left after one month, will be donated to The Et Cetera Shop. Thank you.