

Welcome!

Welcome to our worship service in our church building. We listen for God's Word in the challenging book of Revelation. The fantastical symbols of a cosmic woman with child, the great dragon and the beast out of the sea are not describing a fantasy world, but rather provide a different lens for seeing our own world. Let us learn to resist the Beast today as people who belong to the Lamb.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude -- Marcia Brubaker

Welcome – Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (lighting of the peace lamp) Revelation 12:10-11, 13:3

Leader: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God,

People: and the authority of his Messiah.

Leader: For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

All: They triumphed over him

Leader: by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

People: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Hymn of Praise (instrumental)

Great is the Lord

HWB 87

Great is the Lord,
he is holy and just,
by his power we trust
in his love.
he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves
he is love.

1- Great is the Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord
and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord;
now lift up your voice, (2x)
Great is the Lord! (2x)

2- Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great are you Lord
and worthy of praise.
Great are you Lord;
I lift up my voice, (2x)
Great are you, Lord! (2x)

Children's Story

Karl Brubaker

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Congregational hymn (instrumental)

Holy God, we praise thy name

HWB 121

Holy God, we praise thy name.
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,
angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet
accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
join thy sacred name to hallow.
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow,
and, from morn till set of sun,
through the church the song
goes on.

Worship Music (recording)

Wade in the Water ~arr. Mark Hayes

Alyssa Burkholder, voice
Karen Unruh, piano

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Revelation 12:1-9, 13:1-10

Chrystiana Miller

Message

“Patient endurance and faithfulness”

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Song of Response

What wondrous love is this?

HWB 530

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb
who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

***Prayer of dedication**

Pastor Lois

Benediction

Pastor Lois

Postlude

Marcia Brubaker

Sending Song (outside)

Crown him with many crowns

HWB 116

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow’r a scepter sways
from pole to pole that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and ‘round his pierced feet
fair flow’rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

+ 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.

Special thanks to Marcia Brubaker, Brendon Nafziger and ushers, Tina Schrag (visual arts), Steve Unruh, and Delton Voth for their help with making this first indoor worship service possible.

Questions for Reflection – Revelation 12:1-9, 13:1-10 (broader section – Revelation 12-16)

1. How does understanding the cosmic woman, the child, the dragon, and the beasts as symbols help us hear God’s story and our place in it another way?
2. What is the “beast” in our world today? How are we called to resist?

Next Sunday we continue our worship focus through the book of Revelation. You are encouraged to read Revelation chapters 17-18 in preparation.

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We pray for Caiden Duerksen as he heals from surgery this past week to correct a football injury. We pray for full recovery for participation in future sports and activities.
- ❖ We pray for Belia, Alexander, and Carmelita Goossen and for LaVerne and Arlene Goossen in a time of grief with Ervin's passing on Thursday.
- ❖ We pray for folks connected to Bethesda in the challenge of intense testing of staff and residents while maintaining positive spirits, as well as for other area nursing care facilities with similar challenges.
- ❖ We pray for those in the community with serious complications of COVID.

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

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, October 18	10:00 am	Worship service in the sanctuary
	11:00 am	Carry-out Fundraiser Meal for students attending Mennonite Colleges
Monday, October 19	7:00 pm	Board of Worship
Sunday, October 25	10:00 am	Worship Service – church building
Sunday, October 25	1:30 pm	Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
Monday, October 26	4:00 pm	Prayer Team
Wednesday, October 21	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12
Thursday, October 22	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons (Zoom)
Sunday, November 1	2:00 am	Daylight SavingTime Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
Sunday, November 1		Bethesda Pillar's Banquet
November 20 & 21		MCC Meat Canning, N. Newton

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the fundraiser take-out meal for our students attending Mennonite colleges. Come get your meal after the worship service, either at the kitchen window or the northeast entrance. Enjoy a delicious meal at home! Serving time is 11:00 – 11:45 am.

Freezer meals – If anyone would be able and willing to prepare a freezer meal (or several) that we could have on hand here at the church, the pastors and deacons would really appreciate that as we minister to our church family. As we all know, sometimes having a few meals that can simply be pulled out of the freezer is a big help in times of crisis or need. If you bring meals, please write the date that you put it in the freezer on the package. Thanks for your consideration!

The **Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's COVID-19 relief efforts. "With your support, we can respond to COVID-19, and where possible scale up our ongoing health, food and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) work... You can help vulnerable communities around the world." Participants are invited to bring an item for the Tabor

Food Pantry to the Walk. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk" or donate online at <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk>.

Save the Date: I am sure many of you have been questioning how you are going to spend the first Sunday of November this year because normally you would be at the Pillars Banquet, supporting Bethesda. Well never fear, the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring the event!!! Bethesda Home's Annual Fundraiser, "Pillar's Banquet" will be held this year as a drive thru event! Sunday, November 1 you are invited to drive thru Tabor Church's parking lot to pick up a delicious homemade meal catered by Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau. Details will be coming for this event so stay posted! ~Sara Hiebert, CEO/Administrator Bethesda Home

Current and upcoming devotionals (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase.

The Board of Mission and Service would like to thank everyone who came to enjoy the Grand Porch Visit with Bluegrass Music on Sunday, October 4! Just over \$1,300 was collected and divided equally between MCC and the New Hope Shelter. Many thanks to Steve Unruh and Delton Voth who, again, set up and operated the sound and recording systems for the event – in spite of strong wind and hot sun! Thanks also to Eric Schrag, Gayle Voth and Rick Woelk (the Prairie Heirs), Kevin Gaeddert (the Kevin Gaeddert Band) and Braden Unruh, Tim Regier and Matt Graber (the Flannelbacks) for their music, storytelling and general entertainment for the event. A great time was had by all.

Note of Thanks: Being surrounded by a faith community certainly helps the recovery process, and a heartfelt thanks for the prayers, phone calls, and food from the pastors, deacons, friends, and family after my surgery. ~Rosi Reimer

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for youth and children's leaders in WDC congregations, as they give support and nurture faith formation for young people in the midst of our changing and uncertain world.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite communities in Guatemala are suffering from COVID-19, many people have died. Deb Byler of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all, but especially for the pastors who pray with sick people. Pray for wisdom and God's protection so pastors can care for others without exposing themselves to the disease.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah volunteers will be removing the Camp Mennoscah dam on October 18 beginning at 3pm (after a morning baptism). You are welcome to come watch the process (please bring a mask and expect to stay at least 6 ft. away from others). If you would like to help in the removal process, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Physical distancing and mask wearing may not be feasible for those in the water.

Camp Mennoscah is a year-round campground! Ask about winterized facilities or conquer the prairie wilds in a tent. It's a whole new world in the winter--and available for you! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Western District Conference

The WDC Immigration Task Force offers its next installment in a series of thought pieces, mindful of immigrants among us without a voice this election season. They seek to make visible what is too often invisible with regard to immigrant lives and immigration issues.

An Immigration Detention Center Attorney Speaks Out, by Anali Looper

The months since the COVID-19 outbreak began have been trying for all of us. But for the thousands of people locked in immigration detention centers, trying doesn't even begin to describe the situation. As a nonprofit immigration attorney in central Texas, I work inside detention centers helping people apply for asylum and other immigration benefits, and I can tell you that even before COVID-19 health care inside these facilities was suspect at best. Early this year one of my colleagues told me she spoke with a detained man who explained how he'd had to use a shoelace as a makeshift catheter because he was unable to get adequate healthcare. Even inhalers or widely available medications are

sometimes withheld from those detained. (To read the full length article, go to: <https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/an-immigration-attorney-speaks-out/>)

Responding to the Cry for Hope from Palestinian Christians, WDC Israel Palestine Task Force invites our congregations to commit to "**Preach Palestine**" on **November 29**. November 29 is the first Sunday in Advent, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Friends of Sabeel of North America (FOSNA) have gathered resources for worship planners from a diversity of traditions and voices that lift up liberation from Turtle Island to Palestine. Can you commit your congregation to be a part of our goal of 100 churches to "Preach Palestine" on November 29?

Your Vote Matters! This article (<https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/your-vote-matters-to-us/>) from the perspective of DREAMERS (young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children) is the next article sponsored by the WDC Immigration Task Force in their series before the election. Please read it!

Mennonite Central Committee WDC/SCC Women's Retreat 2020:

MCC's Seed program has positions available now in Colombia, Guatemala and El Salvador! The Seed program is perfect for young adults (18-30) who value service, community, and cultural exchange addressing systemic issues like food insecurity and climate change through grassroots, community-based initiatives. For more information, visit mcc.org/seed or email abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

Mask ask! MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:

- Adult sized
- Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
- Elastic ear loops
- Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by **November 15th**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

Share your thoughts! Mennonite Central Committee is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this survey to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are currently involved with creation care and advocacy. All results will remain confidential. Please share the survey link with others in your congregation. Thank you for taking time to help guide our future work in addressing issues around climate change. Please email centralstates@mcc.org for more information.

Bethel College

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Forthcoming," photography by David Long, through Oct. 30. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus; events subject to change according to current COVID status.*

2020 Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College – For the first time in 68 years, this annual series will be delivered virtually. The speaker is **César García**, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is "**Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity**." Lectures are **Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow)**; **Monday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. (pre-recorded)**; and **Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. (live online with Q&A to follow)**. To register, go to <https://forms.gle/t55EqJirttWn4md8A> All registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

Lecture 1: "Anabaptist Catholicity: A Definition"

Lecture 2: "Anabaptist Catholicity as Centripetal Force." This lecture will be pre-recorded as part of the college Convocation series, and will be available at

<https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/convocation>

Lecture 3: "Anabaptist Catholicity as Centrifugal Force"

Mennonite Church USA

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on his 27 years as a Mennonite and shares his vision for what's working, what's not and what opportunities lie ahead for our denomination in his blog, "**The church we're called to be.**" Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-church-were-called-to-be/>

Subscribe to Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to get the latest news about MennoCon21, scheduled for July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCj>

Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church has provided **sanctuary to Edith Espinal**, a Mexican immigrant, for three years, as she fights to keep her family together. Read her remarkable story at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/columbus-mennonite-sanctuary/>

Hillary Watson, a bivocational pastor in Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflects on the relationship between our war-tax-resisting Anabaptist roots and our response to current-day violence in her blog, **“Defund the police’ is deeply Anabaptist.”** Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/defund>

Join Bible teacher Joe Sawatzky on [Mission Network's Facebook](#) on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (EST) for “Missional Meditations.” A church relations representative, Sawatzky will help you gain insight for your sermons or daily life and inspire a missional imagination in your congregation!

November is mission month. Racism harms the body of Christ and God's reconciling mission. But God has made a way to receive forgiveness — repentance that leads to life! Our [mission month materials](#) invite MC USA and everyone to engage God's plan for reconciliation.

Hesston College

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a socially distanced Bel Canto Block Concert. The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform an outdoor concert in the Mullet Drive parking lot north of Hesston Mennonite Church on **October 18, 4 p.m.** Weather delay will be announced via the Hesston College website and rescheduled for the following Sunday. A limited number of drive-in parking spots will be available and can be reserved by emailing finearts@hesston.edu or calling 620-327-8141.

Everence to hold Social Security and retirement income planning webinar

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church Mission Supper

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church's annual Mission Supper will be a carry out meal this year due to Covid 19. The meal will feature our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie on [Saturday, October 24, 5:00 - 6:30](#). To order meals call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357) by October 18. This will be a free will offering benefit with all proceeds going to support the Buhler Omega Project, an addiction recovery house for women. The Buhler House opened its doors in February 2020. Orders will be taken through Monday, October 19, 8:00 pm.