

Welcome!

Welcome to our online worship service! We may feel like the Israelites wandering in the wilderness in this pandemic, and we also lament the inequality and racial injustice recent events are exposing. Today's scripture reflection shows that the Holy Spirit has been active from the beginning, but now the Spirit rests on anyone willing to listen for God's voice.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship and invocation

(HWB 661)

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith

People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way.

We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.

Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Peace Prayer

(Lighting of peace lamp)

Nancy Stucky

Instrumental Call to Worship

Jason Peters

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah ~Hughes (HWB 582)

Gathering Hymn

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

HWB 26

Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation,
give us vigor, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

Children's Story

Emmalyn Gaeddert

Song of Faith

There are Many Gifts

HWB 304

Refrain:

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are many works, but the same God,
and the Spirit gives each as it chooses.
Praise the Lord. Praise God.

2. A body has many members,
yet all work in unity.
The church is the body of Christ,
his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet.

1. Now one has the gift of wisdom,
another the calling to speak,
one the ability to comfort,
another the calling to teach.

3. Not all are called to be prophets,
and not all are called to preach,
but all should aim for the best gifts
and love is the greatest of these.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Eli Gaeddert

Message

"The Spirit rests on us"

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Song of Sending

Filled with the Spirit's Power

HWB 289

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
again your power of fellowship display.

Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.

3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
the people of all lands and every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Benediction

Pastor Lois

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit ~Larkin

Jason Peters

+ 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.

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Visual Arts this month: LaNae Unruh

Questions for Reflection (Numbers 11:24-30; broader story: 11:4-34)

1. Does it surprise you to see the Holy Spirit show up in the Old Testament? In what way can anyone be a channel for God to speak?
2. How might we name the "wilderness" realities we are experiencing? How can we trust God in these realities rather than complaining?
3. What is the difference between complaining and offering a necessary challenge to injustice?

Scripture reading for Next Sunday: Numbers 11:24-30 (broader story: 11:4-34)

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We are thankful for the creativity of so many people who are offering new ways to think about and do things; our Mennonite camps, schools (from local to universities), businesses, hospitals, nursing homes - all working to keep people safe and well.
- ❖ We pray for ongoing creativity and openness to new ideas, new ways of doing and being. Specifically, we pray for a humble awareness of issues of racism and injustice. May we be led and changed by your Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We pray for farmers in this region who are heading into harvest season. Grant them safety and energy.
- ❖ We pray for wisdom and clear vision for the leaders of our local communities, our state, our nation and the world. May they respond to their call of care for those in their charge.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for sending us the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us learn how to use it.

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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!

PEACE CORNER

We believe God's redemption in Christ restores all of our broken relationships, including our broken relationship with the created world. The Alexanderwohl peace committee is sharing 50 suggestions over several weeks to improve our stewardship of the earth. As we adjust our lifestyles due to the pandemic, we have an opportunity to consider more ways to be good stewards of this world God has entrusted us with.

Simplifying your lifestyle

Reduce Energy Usage

28. Switch to LED lighting.
29. Unplug electronics at night (possible using power strips) and turn off lights when not in use.
30. Wash clothing in medium or cold water and hang to dry.
31. Buy appliances that are the most energy efficient. Look for Energy Star Compliance.

Conserve Water

32. Take shorter showers or less water in baths.
33. Reduce water usage in laundry, dishwashing, and flushing. Run full loads in dishwasher and washing machine.
34. Minimize irrigation of lawns, and irrigate garden in evening or with drip irrigation.
35. Repair water leaks.

Reduce Stuff

36. Share or borrow tools or items with neighbors.
37. Mend clothing and repair items. Creatively repurpose or upcycle what no longer seems useful.
38. Shop at and donate to second-hand stores such as Et Cetera. Ensure your sold/donated/shared items get a good home.
39. Barter or use social media to purchase used items from local people. Use and share hand-me-down clothing.
40. McPherson ReUseIt Center takes used appliances and building materials.
41. When purchasing new, purchase good quality items that will last; buy versatile clothing.
42. Avoid impulse buying.

READING CORNER

The pandemic has been a good opportunity to slow down and read. The following have been on Glen Unrau's reading list. If you'd like to share your own recommended reading list with the congregation, email the church office (alexmenno@mtelco.net)

- *Speak Your Peace: What the Bible says about Loving our Enemies*, Ronald J. Sider
- *American Harvest: God, Country, and Farming in the Heartland*, Marie Mutsuki Mockett
- *Grace from the Rubble: Two Fathers' Road to Reconciliation after the Oklahoma City Bombing*. The Untold True Story of Bud Welch and Bill McVeigh, Jeanne Bishop
- *Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains*, Cassie Cambers
- *I am not your enemy: Stories to Transform a Broken World*, Michael T. McRay

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, June 14, we will again meet outside, weather permitting. We will meet at **10:00 am**, and the set up will be reconfigured to be in the shade of the trees to the west of the youth house. You can again watch from your vehicle, tuning in on your car radio. Or your family can set up lawn chairs in designated socially distanced spots. Michael Unruh, from Camp Mennoscah will be our guest speaker. In the event of rain or extreme heat, we will create a recorded service.

Michael Unruh is the Executive Director at Camp Mennoscah, and he appreciates opportunities to share about camp and its mission at congregations like Alexanderwohl. Michael grew up on a farm west of Peabody and is a member of Tabor Mennonite Church just down the road. Next May, Michael

will complete his Master of Divinity degree at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. In just a couple weeks, he will conclude his time at Camp Mennoscah and begin as Campus Pastor at Bethel College. Michael and his wife Lina live in Wichita with their black lab, Phog, and they are expecting their first child in August!

You are all invited to a take-out meal as the spring fundraiser for the Mennonite College Student Scholarship fund. This will be next Sunday, June 14, following the outdoor service, from approximately 11 am – 12 noon. The menu will be: BBQ pork sandwiches, homemade potato salad, baked beans, baby carrots, and a bar cookie. Generous donations will be accepted for our 6 students, which is double the 3 we had this year! Please come to the church's northeast entrance (note this change). We will be there with your meals! If unable to get a meal, donations can be sent to the church with a notation in the memo line --- MCSMT. Thank you!

Before the pandemic hit, Pastor Caleb had been planning to take a partial sabbatical leave time during part of June and part of July. The pastors had made arrangements for some guest speakers during that time. Now, in light of the pandemic, Caleb is delaying this leave time. However, with alternative plans for worship services already arranged during part of the summer, Caleb will still accept this hiatus from preaching in order to focus energy on other aspects of ministry. He will be working three-quarter time and using vacation days for rest and renewal with his family.

We have formed a Covid taskforce to think through implications of resuming church gatherings and consider mitigation strategies for avoiding viral transmission. The taskforce includes people with diverse roles in the church and expertise: Nancy Stucky, church secretary and medical expertise; Robyn Hartvickson, medical expertise; Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Board of Deacons; Renae Peters, Board of Worship and music committee; Janine Peters, Board of Education and custodial expertise; Brendon Nafziger, Trustees and Ushers; Tina Schrag, communications; and Pastors Caleb and Lois. At this point, we do not have a timeframe for any indoor gathering. Please pray for our work as we begin meeting.

Use of building for meetings: The AMC COVID-19 Task Force met virtually on Tuesday, June 2. The group decided that the church building, specifically the Chapel or Conference Room, will now be open to boards/committees to use for in person meetings if they so choose. Zoom will continue to be an option for meetings, as well. If meetings happen in person, the following guidelines should be followed: maintain 6 feet distancing throughout the meeting, masks should be worn and please limit the use of bathrooms to the ones on the main level of the church. Meeting organizers should be sure to communicate with the church office so that custodial staff are aware of spaces that need cleaning.

Families of elementary children may check out a church copy of the *Shine On Bible* storybook. Please feel free to pick up a book this Sunday or during the week from the northeast airlock entrance at the church and sign your name on the check-out sheet.

We invite you to a weekly Zoom prayer meeting Wednesday at 6:30 pm using the *Take our Moments and Our Days: an Anabaptist Prayer Book*. This format includes scripture readings and guided prayer, while offering space for inserting our own specific prayers. The prayer guide will show up on screen, but we also will share it as a PDF. The link to our next Wednesday prayer meeting will be sent by email.

Much has changed in the last months, but one thing that is not different is the need for blood. You are urged to sign up to donate at Goessel Church on **June 8 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.** Go to redcrossblood.org to reserve a donation time. If you know someone who has never donated before, encourage them to make an appointment. The Red Cross takes many precautions to make sure the process for donating is safe, and we hope you will use this opportunity to save lives. Register online at redcrossblood.org or call Rosi (367-2418).

MC-USA statement on Racial Injustice

In the midst of upheaval in our country, Mennonite Church USA has issued a statement on racial injustice that can be found through the following link. We offer this as a helpful starting place for conversation about this hard topic, as well as a call for us to lament, pray together, and stand in solidarity with communities of color. http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/

There are blue hymnals available from the airlock entrance on the northeast side. Feel free to help yourself and keep one. Masks are also available in the NE entryway.

Pastor Caleb is continually updating our **Faith Formation** resource page (<http://alexanderwohl.org/resource-page/> or click the button from home page). Feel free to make suggestions of resources you are finding helpful.

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as it meets this week to offer vision and leadership to the conference in the midst of challenging times.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin and Peaceful Borders, an Anabaptist organization in the United Kingdom that advocates for refugees. Pray for resources for refugee-led support groups (Hopetowns) that bear witness to suffering and injustice and provide the basics: food, water, shelter, and a cellphone charger.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah is open to a limited number of individuals and families. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for further information. We are excited to make this sacred space available to you!

Western District Conference

The June/July/August issue of *WDC Garden* (WDC's quarterly newsletter) is now available! However, since many WDC churches are not meeting in person during this time of pandemic, it will not be sent in bulk to churches for distribution. It is available online at: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-garden-june-july-august-2020/>. Be sure to read about the upcoming VIRTUAL Assembly, planned for August 1-2.

Virtual Summer Story Hour

Children ages 3-8, come take a dip in the ocean through Summer Story Hour! Virtually join Library Director Jennie Wintermote and volunteer Marjie Warkentine for "Oceans of Fun" with 8 weekly sessions June 15-August 3. Sign up today at <https://forms.gle/61539e9zGnE7u98y5>. The first 15 children who sign up will receive a list of supplies they will need for each project. Join us for "oceans" of stories and fun!

Summer Reading Programs--Running June 1-August 15

- **Adults**--This year you're invited to read any title **in our collection** and submit a brief review. Each review will be a ticket into our prize drawings for books, giftcards, and more. Reviews may be submitted at <https://forms.gle/r4kpXQBQqZPuGjiw8>, posted on the WDC Resource Library FaceBook page, or given to Library Director, Jennie Wintermote.
- **Children**--Download a reading log [here](#) and mark off a box for each book you read (picture books) or every 15 pages (for chapter books) or contact the library for a copy. **Turn in your reading log after August 15 for fun prizes.** (Turn in by mailing, dropping off, or sending a picture of your log to crlib@mennowdc.org). We would appreciate it if you register your child(ren) at <https://forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDs9ZMu6> so we can have enough prizes ready!

Library Reopening--Curbside Pickup Starting Soon (When Harvey County, Kansas enters Phase 3)

You can start reserving items at any time **through our online catalog** at <https://mennowdc.booksys.net/opac/crl/>. Once the library is open for curbside checkout, these items will be pulled and available during pickup hours (or mailed to you). In order to reserve items, you will need to log on with your library barcode number (please email the library if you

need your library card number). You are also welcome to email Library Director, Jennie, at criib@mennowdc.org in order to reserve items. Jennie is also happy to offer suggestions for individual study, children's story, group discussion and other resourcing needs.

WDC Staff Update: Lee Lever's role as Interim Conference Ministry Liaison for Texas has been extended through July 31, 2020, as the search process continues for a new Associate Conference Minister based in Texas.

Mennonite Central Committee

Please join **MCC on June 16 at 1 p.m. CST/ 12 p.m. MDT, for a webinar: MCC's migration work in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala/El Salvador** to discuss questions such as: How are MCC workers and partners in Latin America being affected by COVID-19? How are U.S. policies and protocols affecting the spread of the virus among the vulnerable population? How are organizations and faith communities responding? And how can each of us get involved and support their work during this time? Learn how to join this conversation at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

You're invited to join **MCC on June 17th at 6 p.m. CST/ 5 p.m. MDT for a webinar featuring Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator**. Learn how COVID-19 is threatening the developing world and how MCC is responding. MCC's monthly webinar series, featuring a wide variety of stories from MCC projects from around the world, explores how MCC is responding to COVID-19. Experts in the field will give us a behind-the-scenes experience, sharing their own stories. Come with your questions! Register for upcoming webinars and browse through past recordings at mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride: The planning committee is going ahead with plans for the 2020 Flatlander ride to be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>. We are currently looking for additional people to help on the planning committee, and also for individuals or groups to help us with the SAGs (refreshment stops) on the various bike routes. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please call Donna at 316-727-6346 or email her at beckerdonna2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)

Mennonite Disaster Service has launched *On the Level*, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>.

Until MDS projects are back up carry your spirit of service forward during this pandemic by finding safe ways to show acts of kindness and support to neighbors and the most vulnerable around you.

Everence

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, June 16 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. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

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