



**Welcome** to our morning worship service at Alexanderwohl! The Christian tradition reveals God as Father, Son, and Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Over the next weeks, we explore scriptural names and images for God, Jesus, and the Spirit. Each of the names and images of God provide ways to relate intimately to and surrender to I AM, God beyond any name.

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, ~Johann Pachelbel Jared Janzen  
*Andante Espressivo*, ~Johann Jakob Froberger, arr. Robert Cundick

**Welcome** Pastor Lois Harder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We worship you, LORD, for besides you there is no Savior; Isa 43:10-11  
 before you no god was formed, nor any after you.

**People: We praise you, Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth;  
 you do not faint or grow weary; your understanding is unsearchable** Isa 40:28

Leader: We seek you, merciful and gracious God, Exo 34:6  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: We trust you, Most High. We live in your shelter and abide in your shadow;  
 you are our fortress and refuge. You cover us with your wings.** Psa 91:1-4

Leader: We remember you, Rock that bore us, God who gave us birth;  
 as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Deut 32:18  
 Isa 66:13

**People: We submit to you, our Father, because we are the clay  
 and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.** Isa 64:8

Leader: We call for you, our Redeemer, who formed us in the womb:  
 you who stretched out the heavens, and spread out the earth. Isa 44:24

**All: We love you, for you are love. 1 Jn 4:8  
God of peace, you brought Jesus back from the dead. Alleluia! Heb 13:20**

**Lighting of Christ candle+**

**Song of Invocation** *Come, thou Almighty King* HWB 41

<p>Come, thou Almighty King,          help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:          Father, all-glorious, o'er all victorious,          come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.</p>	<p>Come, Holy Comforter,          thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.          Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,          and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.</p>
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<p>Come, thou Incarnate Word,          gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.          Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word          success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.</p>	<p>To thee, great One in Three,          eternal praises be, hence evermore.          Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,          and to eternity love and adore.</p>
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**Children's Story** Christiana Voth

**Worship Music** *Create in me a clean heart* Timothy Schrag

## Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

### Hymn of Praise

*Praise him! Praise him!*

HWB 100 (VT 100)

*Praise him! praise him!  
Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!*

For our sins he suffered and bled and died;  
he our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified.

[Verse:]

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory;  
strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,  
in his arms he carries them all day long:

Sound his praises!  
Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:

*Praise him! Praise him!  
Tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! praise him, ever in joyful song!*

Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown him! crown him!  
prophet and priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious.  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

### Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings \*Prayer of Dedication

First Fruits Giving  
Pastor Lois

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Nathaniel Schmucker

### Message

"God of many names"

Pastor Caleb Yoder

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Hymn of Response

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

HWB 70 (VT 98)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true Life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

### Releasing Hymnal a Worship Book

Pastor Caleb

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Christus Der Ist Mein Leben, ~J.G. Walther*

Jared Janzen

### HWB Send-off Outside

*Let the whole creation cry (v. 1-2)  
Jesus, thou mighty Lord (v. 1-2)*

HWB 51  
HWB 115

+ 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.

**Song Leader:** Marcia Brubaker

**Visual arts:** Lois Harder/Amy Sterk

**Greeters:** Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert family

**Worship technology:** DJ Flaming, Jim Schmidt, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

### Questions for Reflection – Exodus 3:1-15

1. What is the significance of God telling Moses that God's name is "I AM?" What are the pitfalls of giving God a name? Why might we need multiple names for God?
2. What names and images for God have shaped you? Do they draw you closer to God or make God distant?

**Next Sunday** we continue our series on “Names of God,” focusing on Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity. The scripture reading will be *Colossians 1:15-20*. Pastor Caleb will preach.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Sharon Boese as she and her family celebrate the life of her mother Lenora Klassen and grieve her loss. Details for the visitation and graveside service are in the announcements below.
- ❖ We pray for Eulalia Schroeder, Milton Duerksen, and Marvin Duerksen with the passing of their brother-in-law, Ronald Unruh of Durham, KS. Services took place Saturday, April 17 in Durham.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Steve and Sandy Banman as he heals and works with the medical staff at Mayo to regain strength and health and as Sandy supports him.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Larinda (Duerksen) Amstutz as she anticipates surgery this week in follow up to her recent car accident. Larinda is Connie Wiens’ granddaughter.
- ❖ We continue to pray, God, for your wisdom and mercy to be shown to all who are fleeing their homes out of fear, poverty, war or oppression. Be with them as they seek safety, sustenance and peaceful lives.
- ❖ We pray for all people who are grieving the loss of loved ones to senseless gun violence.

### **Coming Events**

Sunday, April 18	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship Service in the sanctuary and via Zoom
	11:30 pm	Mennonite College Student Fundraiser Meal
	12:00 – 3:00 pm	Faith Exploration Class
Monday, April 19	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
	6:00 pm	Board of Worship - Chapel
Wednesday, April 21	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Activities
Thursday, April 22	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons
Sunday, April 25	10:00 am	Hesston Bel Canto outside (weather permitting)
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Outdoor worship service</b>
	4:00 pm	Grand Porch Visit – Board of Mission & Service
Monday, April 26	6:30 pm	Children’s Ministry Team
Wednesday, April 28	6:45 pm	Final evening of Faith Formation Activities this spring

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the day dinner is prepared for you!** A take-out meal of BBQ pork sandwiches, homemade potato salad, baked beans and a bar cookie will be ready at the NE entrance after the worship service. This is a fundraiser for the Mennonite College Student Ministry Team. Please note that church will begin at 10:30 am and the serving of the meal will begin following the service, approximately 11:30 am.

**Lenora Klassen, mother of Sharon Boese, passed away April 9.** Visitation with family will be held at Jost Funeral Home, Friday, April 23 from 6-8 pm. A graveside service will be held at Alexanderwohl Church cemetery on Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. Memorial gifts can be made to Quilter’s Corner MCC or First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Following the service a light lunch will be served at King Park, Hesston.

**The Board of Mission & Service is inviting you to a Grand Porch Visit** on the church campus Sunday, April 25, at 4 pm. Please bring your lawn chair. This is planned to be a time of casual visiting (no topic or agenda). Masks and social distancing encouraged.

**Graduation is soon approaching!** Please share with us the name of your graduate, the grade or institution they’re graduating from and the degree they’re graduating with as well as the date of graduation. We’d like to acknowledge these accomplishments and celebrate together!

**Save the dates!** June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21. These are the dates of your Board of Mission and Service and Peace Committee's **book study for summer, 2021**. These groups are encouraging further study and conversation around the topics of **care for the earth, racial and wealth inequity and the connections between them**. Specific resources are still being discerned, but rest assured, they will be substantive and thought-provoking! Bring your lawn chair, water bottle and discipleship convictions as we continue to learn together how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

**Our church policy provides for pastors to have a three-month sabbatical once every four years.** The sabbatical is our congregation's investment in the vitality of our pastoral leadership. Pastor Caleb is planning to be on sabbatical in May/June/July to pursue personal renewal, deepening spiritual practices, study that will enhance his ministry, and hopefully reconnection with Latin America communities where he has previously served. His plans have been approved by the Deacons, Trustees and Church Council. His sabbatical was actually delayed one year due to COVID. Please pray that this time away will be meaningful for Caleb and a blessing for our congregation when he returns refreshed to pastor us.

**Covid Taskforce update** - After research and discussion, the Covid Task force has changed our recommendation to allow congregational singing and in-person performances on wind instruments during worship services. As we begin singing as a congregation, we reiterate the importance of everyone wearing a mask during the whole service and at least 6 feet of distance maintained between household groups to protect the most vulnerable in our church family. Song leaders, vocalists and instrumentalists will remain 12 feet away from the congregation and continue to wear masks. We will continue to provide the option of joining worship remotely and encourage this if you are uncomfortable with possible exposure in-person, have specialized needs, or have a higher level of exposure during the week and don't want to expose others.

**All aboard for VBS!** It's time to register your children for **ROCKY RAILWAY VBS, taking place June 7-11, 2021, 9 a.m. - noon**, daily at Alexanderwohl. You may sign up several ways:

1. Through the church's website ([alexanderwohl.org](http://alexanderwohl.org)) - click on the "Register for VBS" button.
2. Follow this direct link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/goesselvbs2021>
3. Grab a paper registration form from the church office or the Goessel Elementary School and turn it in there as well.

We are looking forward to welcoming children for this exciting week! Please contact Chrystiana Miller (620-747-2392) or Megan Duerksen (620-747-2592) with questions.

**"Josie's Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling"** loans gently used equipment to those in need. Items often requested include shower chairs, commodes, walkers, and transport chairs, so donations of those and other items are appreciated. Call Nancy Stucky at (620)747-9359 or email [josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com](mailto:josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com) for a loan or donation appointment.

**The nursery is looking for new toys!** Are there toys around your house that your children or grandchildren have outgrown? The Alexanderwohl Nursery could be the perfect new home for these gently used toys. Please contact Kim Voth (620-367-2416) or Nicole Hein (316-217-5025) if you would like to donate toys.

**Service opportunity at Alexanderwohl!** Please prayerfully consider helping our young families this summer as we all transition to more in-person worship services. We are looking for several adults willing to help supervise children ages 2 – 4 at the playground. The Covid Task Force is encouraging volunteers to be vaccinated, however, this is not a requirement. Please contact Nicole Hein (316-217-5025) or Kim Voth (620-367-2416) by **Wednesday, April 21**, if you have questions or are interested in serving our congregation in this way.

**An opportunity to help!** Prairie View has sent an urgent request for new or gently used clothes for patients being served in their inpatient program who arrive on the Newton campus with only the clothes they're wearing. Prairie View **needs donations of new or gently used sweatpants (all adult sizes, no drawstrings preferred) and t-shirts (mostly larger sized XXL and XXXL) for both men and women.** The **AMC Board of Mission and Service invites you to participate** in this chance to offer comfort and

dignity to those receiving intensive mental health treatment. Bring your donated items to the church and put them in the tub in the north entrance marked "Prairie View donations" by the end of April.

**The 2021 Church Yearbooks** are available for pick up in the NE airlock entrance. Names are on them and they are sorted by family last name. Feel free to take the ones for your family or friends that you regularly see to help save postage costs.

**Current and upcoming devotionals** (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase. The May-June *Upper Room* and the March-April-May *Rejoice* are here.

**The MDS Summer Youth Program has projects in each region to encourage more local travel.** There is one at Camp Mennoscah, where wall sections will be built for the Tiny Home projects as a response to the homelessness in Denver. There will also be a unit rebuilding after the fire in Paradise, CA; and two after hurricanes in Bennettsville, SC and Jennings, LA. Contact Deanne Frey - [dfrey@mds.org](mailto:dfrey@mds.org) if you can work for a week this summer.

## CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

### Western District Conference

Give thanks for farmers and gardeners, and pray for all those in WDC congregations working to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

### Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the two-day Sent Network conference that begins on Thursday, April 23. Pray that all who participate in this virtual church-planting summit will be inspired, energized, and given the tools necessary for encouraging the growth of Jesus' church.

## COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

The 2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to be held July 2 and 3 at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

### Camp Mennoscah

**Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah!** Come to Camp Mennoscah for time for fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival at the shelter. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

**Camp Mennoscah is cleaning house!** Anyone visiting will notice a "display" of items in the field in front of the maintenance shed. When the shed was cleaned out, the items were placed there until we could find new locations for them. It's messy, as many big cleaning projects are, and we'll continue to find places to store those items!

**Camp Mennoscah is seeking to fill a part-time custodian/housekeeper position.** Hours average 10 per week and are flexible, dependent upon the camp schedule. For more information, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

### Bethel College

**Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m.** – Award-winning syndicated columnist **Leonard Pitts Jr.**, who packed out Memorial Hall at Bethel College in September 2017 with a lecture titled "America in an Age of Trump," makes a return engagement, **live online, speaking on "Is America Possible?"** This is part of the Peace Lecture Series from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). **Register for the Zoom link at [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org)**

**Kauffman Museum's spring fundraiser is FaspBox – *faspa* in a box.** *Faspa* is a light evening meal traditional among Low German-heritage Mennonites. Each box serves one and costs \$50. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 26 (for pickup or delivery on May 2) at [www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox](http://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox) or by contacting the museum with credit card information at [kauffman@bethelks.edu](mailto:kauffman@bethelks.edu) or 316-283-1612.

**Sat., April 24, 7 p.m.** – **Caleb Abbott senior saxophone recital**, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*, featuring classical and jazz pieces by Glazunov, Morosco, Shorter, Wood & Mellin, and an original

composition. Those planning to attend must wear masks and sit physically distanced or in family groups. Seating is limited, with priority given to members of a pre-concert list of family and friends.

## **Mennonite Church USA**

**Come build communities of peace with the Colombia Youth Venture experience.** Youth participants in both countries come together (virtually) to collaboratively explore that which makes for peace in their own, respective contexts. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture](https://MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture) to learn more. **Deadline is May 1!**

**Bethel College Women's Association invites donations** to help purchase two earth-friendly water refill stations for the Bethel campus. The stations will accommodate water bottles, and cost \$890 each. Donate at [bcwamarketonline.com](https://bcwamarketonline.com) by April 30, 2021. Thank you for your support!

**Pastor Jon Carlson of Forest Hills (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church has been nominated as Mennonite Church USA moderator-elect** for the 2021-2023 biennium. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/carlson-elect>

**Hendy Matahelemaul sheds light on the dramatic increase in hate crimes and acts of racism against Asians** in the United States in his blog, "Difficult things in difficult times." Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/difficult-things-times>

**In her blog, "Let us lay down our economic weapons,"** Katerina Parsons explains the impact that U.S. economic sanctions have on the people in the countries that have experienced these sanctions. Parsons calls us to advocate against these sanctions, in order put our love for people around the world into action. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/economic-weapons>

**As a young man, Alfonso Alvarado dreamt of leaving his home in El Salvador and moving to the United States.** Read about his journey, which led him to become a pastor and church planter at a Mennonite church in "Beyond that ocean is North America." In English: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-alfonso-alvarado/> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/posts/alfonso-alvarado/>.

**Join the Civil Rights Learning tour with Youth Venture!** You will visit places of historical significance, hear stories and learn why our faith calls us to stand against injustice and with the oppressed. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture](https://MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture) to learn more. **Deadline is May 1!**

**Interested in short-term service opportunities?** Ask us about SOOP! We'd love to speak with your congregation about the awesome service opportunities that we can provide through SOOP. Contact [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net) for more information.

**Read Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to meet the worship team for MennoCon21** and get the latest updates on Mennonite Church USA's first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online on July 6-10. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-march-letter>

## **Mennonite Central Committee**

**From the MCC U.S. Washington Office, an invitation to take action: Prevent future war—repeal the Iraq AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force)** The 2002 Iraq AUMF authorized war against the Saddam Hussein regime and has been used to justify military action for 19 years without additional congressional approval. Two bills repealing the AUMF in the House of Representative and the Senate have growing bipartisan support. Repealing past AUMFs will return authority to engage in militarized force to Congress, creating greater accountability for military actions. [Send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to support the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq AUMFs.](#)

**MCC dignity kit informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m.** Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we're ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. [Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system.](#) Email [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for the Zoom link.

## **Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm**

MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. [Register here](#) for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.