



clouds gather in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

You give and take away, you give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name." (repeat)

### **Morning Prayer**

**Special Music** *Down by the Riverside* ~ arr. Kirby Shaw Woven

**Children's Story** Rosi Reimer

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

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

*God, Whose Giving* VT 745

God, whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store – nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door – gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise. Thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants, fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through power's your grace conferred – ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading** John 10:1-10 Tammy Flaming

**Sermon** Abundant Life Sara Dick

### **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Song of Response** *Rain Down* VT 703

(Refrain) Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** Marcia Brubaker

**Special thanks to Woven from Bethel College** – Members are: Annie Carlson, Charlie Gibson, Aubry Grame, Halle Krehbiel, Rachel Miller, Bethany Powls, Addie Regier Kauffman, Julianna Schrag, Allison Weaver

#### **\*Please stand if able**

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert Family

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Nicole Hein and Aileen Esau

**Worship Technology:** Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

**June 20 Attendance:** 122 in person; 8 Zoom households

**Next Sunday** – Tim Schrag and Jeff Koller will be here; both are members of Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge and they work together with the regional Mennonite Disaster Service unit. Tim and Jeff will present a church-wide, adult Sunday school discussion in the sanctuary at 9:30. Tim will bring the sermon and Jeff will share a Moment in Mission during the worship service at 10:30. Sunday school officially begins for all ages at 9:30 – come for donuts at 9:00!

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Anita Boese who took a fall last week and broke her left (dominant) wrist. She is currently a patient at the Hillsboro Hospital where she is receiving physical and occupational therapy. We pray for her speedy and complete recovery.
- ❖ Attending Camp Mennoscah's Pre-Junior II Camp June 27 – July 1 – Myra Peters, Ella Rose Gaeddert, and Darla Banman, Kitchen
- ❖ We pray for our Sunday school teachers as they prepare to begin Christian Education again next Sunday.
- ❖ We pray for those in the midst of harvest and/or planting. We're grateful, God, for grain already harvested and what is yet to be brought in.
- ❖ We pray for people in the western part of the U.S. who are experiencing severe drought.

### Coming Events

Today, Sunday, June 27	10:30 am	Worship service in the sanctuary and on Zoom
Monday, June 28	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
Wednesday, June 30	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Friday & Saturday, July 2-3		Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson
Sunday, July 4	9:00 – 10:00 am	Donuts, Coffee & Juice for everyone!
Sunday, July 4	9:30 am	Sunday School classes resume for all ages
Monday, July 5		Church Offices Closed
Wednesday, July 7	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Wednesday, July 14	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Friday, July 16	10:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 pm	Book study on the lawn
Saturday, July 31	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Junior High Camp at Alexanderwohl Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A CONVERSATION on the topic of sexual abuse** is one of the most difficult to have in the church. All sorts of feelings are elicited and it's hard to know how to respond. A simple, 11-question survey has been created with the hopes of gaining understanding of church members' thoughts and questions. The response team will be better equipped to help the congregation engage in this conversation if we know where people are starting from and what questions there may be. The survey will be **sent out tomorrow, Monday, June 28** – electronically for those on our email list and hard copy, sent in the mail, to those who ordinarily receive information that way. **Please reply to the survey by Wednesday, July 7 at noon.** The survey results will be confidential and will not be able to be traced back to you. There will be **two opportunities** to hear the survey results as well as to hear a general presentation on sexual abuse on **Sunday, July 18 and Sunday, August 1.** Both will be from 11:45-12:45, immediately following the worship service. There will also be brief opportunity at these events to do some processing about the survey results and the presentation. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lois and/or response team members if you have questions or concerns.

**Book Study Has Begun!** The Mission Board and Peace Committee book study is well underway! Each session stands on its own, so you're still invited to read and discuss together the book, *Creation & the Environment: An Anabaptist Perspective on a Sustainable World*, a collection of essays written by Anabaptist teachers, writers and thinkers. The remaining study schedule is as follows:

- June 30 – Essay #5, “Mennonites, Economics, and the Care of Creation”, written by Michael L. Yoder, discussion led by DJ Flaming
- July 7 – Essay #10, “An Anabaptist Mennonite Theology of Creation”, written by Thomas Finger, discussion led by Kris Schmucker
- July 14 – Essay #12, “Toward an Anabaptist/Mennonite Environmental Ethic”, written by Heather Ann Ackley Bean, discussion led by John Fast
- July 21 – Essay #13, “The Environmental Challenge Before Us”, written by Calvin Redekop, discussion led by John Fast

Each study will begin at 7:00 p.m. either on the yard east of the church (under the trees, in the shade) or in the Fellowship Hall if it's too hot. Bring a yard chair, a bottle of water and your questions and ideas to ask and discuss!

**Next Sunday, July 4, the Deacon Board will host a mid-summer celebration to see what's new and participate in Sunday school again!** Come early to the new entrance on the SW side for donuts and fellowship (we're still waiting for the final elevator part – the one that will make it functional). Welcome one another back to Sunday school and be ready to welcome any guests as well!

**Children's Sunday School** -- We will be starting Sunday school on July 4th. The classrooms are as follows; 2 year old class will be in room 18 & 19, Pre-K 3's and 4's will be in room 12, and K-5th Grade will be in the Foundation Room.

**The church offices will be closed on Monday, July 5.** On Monday, July 12, both Ruth Goertzen and Pastor Lois will be out of the office, but Sandy Banman will be available in the office to take calls, answer the door, etc. Thank you, Sandy, for your office coverage! Additionally, Pastor Lois will be on vacation from July 8-15, returning to the office on Friday, July 16. For pastoral care needs during this week, contact the church office or a deacon.

**The High School Youth Group is excited to announce that they are going on a service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp July 11-17!** They ask for prayers for their time at camp and extend an invitation to the congregation to join their sending circle prayer on Sunday morning, July 11 at 7:15 a.m. in the church parking lot. Snack donations are also appreciated and can be left in the box inside the NE doors. Ideas for snacks include granola bars, chips, cookies, marshmallows, popcorn, etc. Thank you in advance for your donations and prayers!

#### **Schedule of Services for July:**

- **July 4** – Tim Schrag and Jeff Koller – Tim will preach and Jeff will have a Moment in Mission to tell us about the recent work of Mennonite Disaster Service.
- **July 11** – Sheryl Wilson – Executive Director at KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution) will bring us a recorded message in which she speaks about the intersection of the work of restorative justice and anti racism. Sheryl has been invited to speak nationally about her work.
- **July 18** – Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen will preach. The Duerksen family vacation is coming up! And what does that have to do with Micah 6:8, the house built on a rock, and Galatians 5:8?
- **July 25** – Pastor Lois will preach.
- **August 1** – Travis Duerksen will bring the message based on recent podcasts he has produced at Mennonite Mission Network.

**MCC Sale Help Needed:** making verenike June 30. July 2 and 3 at the sale.

Go to: [KansasMennoniteReliefSale.org](http://KansasMennoniteReliefSale.org) look for VOLUNTEER tab. Or, David Esau is willing to assist you with signing up after church on June 27.

**Thank you all so much for the love, cards, meals, flowers, and gifts over the past three weeks.** Our hearts are so broken at the losses of my brother and niece, but knowing that you all are here for us has made it better. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during the darkest time in our lives. We appreciate you all so much. ~Maryanne and Evan Esau

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and calls for me after my fall and during my recovery from hip surgery; I appreciate the care shown to me. ~Darlene Schmidt

## CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

### Western District Conference

Pray for health and strength for members of WDC congregations and their communities, as we continue to move forward from the pandemic.

### Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for Anicka Fast and John Clark, who are serving as country co-directors for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Burkina Faso. Anicka, in her half-time assignment with Mission Network, also teaches missiology and church history, in addition to mentoring Africans who are doing archival work for their churches' stories.

## COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stay connected and don't miss a thing at this year's MCC Relief Sale!** Get live updates and other up-to-the-minute information via Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. Go to @kansas.mccsale on Facebook and @ksmccsale on both Instagram and Twitter to like and follow.

### Mennonite Relief Sale – July 2-3

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale at Hutchinson Fairgrounds -- AC in buildings!  
July 2, Friday @ 4:00 and July 3, Saturday all day

Things YOU can do:

- \* Sign up to volunteer for venenika making June 30 at Parkview church in Hillsboro
- \* Sign up to volunteer for venenika frying
- \* Sign up to volunteer for serving Feeding the Multitude
- \* Bake pies, zwieback, bread, rolls for Bake Sale.  
Bring pies to church by Friday evening, July 2.  
Bring bake sale items and crafts to church by Thursday evening, July 1.
- \* Bring coins to church June 20 and June 27
- \* Sign up and read information on the website: [kansas.mccsale.org](https://kansas.mccsale.org)
- \* Come to the sale to bid and buy! Have fun!

### Western District Conference

Have you noticed **WDC's website** has a new look? Check it out at <https://mennowdc.org>. While it is still a work in progress, the refreshed website is now THE place to go for all things WDC! Beginning in July, the *WDC Sprouts* weekly newsletter email will be discontinued. WDC articles, announcements, and other information will be posted exclusively on the website.

**The WDC Annual Assembly will be held July 30-Aug 1, both virtually and at Faith Mennonite Church**, 2100 North Anderson in Newton KS. Saturday, July 31 food options for persons attending onsite: Lunch: pre-order a box lunch (by July 20, please) when you fill out your Assembly registration form, or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Supper: food trucks will offer a variety of options to purchase, or you are welcome to bring your own supper. For more Assembly info and to register, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>

The **WDC Annual Assembly Delegate Session** on July 31 at 8:30-10:30 will be virtual only. To participate in discussions and decision-making, each delegate must have their own device - computer, smartphone or tablet. If you don't have one, call your church, there's probably someone who'd be willing to share theirs for two hours. For more Assembly info and to register, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

### MDS Opportunities

If you need something else to do this summer MDS has these projects:

- Replacing roofs in Mt. Vernon, Alabama
- Interior and exterior housing repairs in Breathitt County, Kentucky
- Building bridges in West Virginia
- Construction after fires in Paradise, California

### Camp Mennoscah

**Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on July 17-18!** If you're looking for a weekend to escape, this retreat offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to be with your family and friends. Register at [campmennoscah.org](https://campmennoscah.org) and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

**Extra help needed for summer youth camps!** Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. For college age folks, there is a weekly stipend position for a lifeguard, grounds, or custodial position. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for details. You will make camp an amazing experience for everyone!

**August 28 is the next Work Day at Camp Mennoscah!** We'll remind you again, but save the date. You make camp great!

## **Bethel College**

**Sat., July 3 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk.** Meet at 7 a.m. in the museum parking lot, corner of Main and 27th streets, North Newton – experienced birders will lead a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

## **Mennonite Church USA**

**Serve with the Immigrant Resource Center through MVS in Alamosa, Colorado!** Serve others by connecting them with educational and legal resources. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more.

**Mennonite Church USA has released a new Bible-based curriculum, entitled “Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy.”** It addresses the history and impact of systemic patriarchy — and looks at how God calls followers to respond through an intersectional lens. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy-curriculum/>

**For the first time, Mennonite Church USA is hosting a hybrid convention on July 6-10, 2021.** MennoCon21 participants may choose between attending in person in Cincinnati, Ohio, or virtually via Pheedloop, an interactive, online event platform. Learn more about MennoCon21 virtual offerings here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-virtual-opportunity/>

**Jon Carlson will be the July 9 worship speaker for MennoCon21, Mennonite Church USA’s biennial convention.** Carlson reflects on his conference topic, “Trust the Peace,” through his experience with trust in the Mennonite church, in this blog: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/trust-the-peace/>

## **Mennonite Central Committee**

Want to be an integral part of a young adult’s life? Become a unit leader for Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17-20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, who are at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the Service Adventure household. Leaders are needed in Johnstown, PA. Learn more by contacting [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net).

**Iglesia Buenas Nuevas, a Mennonite Church USA congregation in San Juan, Texas,** has a long-standing history of being a welcoming, multicultural community, with Black, Latino and white congregants. Learn more about this dynamic church here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/profile-iglesia-buenas-nuevas> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/iglesia-buenas-nuevas>

**Sarah Augustine, author of “The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery,”** discussed her new book in a webinar presented by Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia. Watch the webinar recording here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinars/>

**What does peace have to do with Jesus?** Or, maybe, what does Jesus have to do with peace? Dr. Meghan Larissa Good explores these questions in her blog, “Jesus and the Work of Peace,” and will speak on this during the July 7 worship service at MennoCon21. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/jesus-work-of-peace>

**When Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa’s parents took her, as an infant, to be baptized,** they found out that the priest would not baptize Maribel unless her parents changed her name to María. Read the story of how she and her family have dealt with the repercussions of this priest’s abuse of power here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-story-behind-my-name/>

**Spiritual Director Jane Roeschley began this year by starting a journey with a spiritual practice** called “word of the year.” In her blog, “Give Me a Word,” Roeschley opens up about this journey and how she moved from being skeptical to embracing and recommending the practice. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/give-me-a-word/>