



Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! Our next three Sundays explore God's mission of reconciliation - reconciliation with God, with one another, and reconciliation in the world. The Good News is that God initiates reconciliation with us, and as we choose to trust the love of Christ, we are transformed and compelled to spread the Good News, acting as ambassadors of God's reconciliation.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> ~Helman <i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i> ~Leavitt <i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> ~Behnke <i>We Sing to You, O God</i> (VT 80) ~Hobby	Marcia Brubaker
Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service		Denise Duerksen
Recognition of Mentors/Mentees		
Call to Worship and Confession		VT 888
Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.		
People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.		
Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.		
All: Amen!		
Prayer of Invocation+		
*Gathering Song	<i>Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing</i>	VT 555
Children's Story		Ann Hiebert
Songs of Confession and Assurance	<i>Beautiful Things</i> <i>Far, Far Away</i>	VT 551 VT 300
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offerory	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i> ~Weber	
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois
HEARING GOD'S WORD		
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Nathaniel Schmucker
Message	"God seeks us through Christ"	Pastor Caleb Yoder
SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE		
*Song of Response	<i>I Sought the Lord</i>	VT 161
*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
Postlude	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> ~Jordan	Marcia Brubaker

***Please stand if able**

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

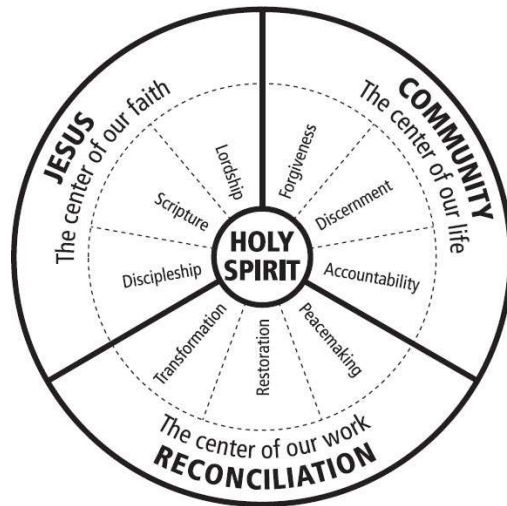
Greeters: North – John and Jenny Fast; South – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert
Nursery Staff: Beth Yoder and Maryanne Esau
Visual Arts: Anita Boese
Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh
October 17 Attendance: 132 in person; 7 households on Zoom

+ 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.

Questions for Reflection – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Reconciliation with God.

1. What kinds of things disrupt our relationship with God? How does one become reconciled with God?
2. How do we sustain or deepen connection with God in times of life changes or experiences of doubt?
3. How are you helping others be reconciled with God? How is our church doing this?

Anabaptist Essentials: As we learn how God has initiated reconciliation with us, next Sunday we learn how reconciliation spills over into our relationships with others. Our scripture reading will be Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-20. If you are reading *Anabaptist Essentials* by Palmer Becker, we encourage you to read chapter 8.



Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Haitians as they struggle with generations of poverty, corrupt leadership and natural disasters. Hear the cries of your people, O God.
- ❖ Be with those who are recovering from Covid-19 or other illnesses. Grant your healing mercy.
- ❖ We pray for those who live and work in retirement communities; may they know your love and presence.
- ❖ We pray for personal growth and safety for fall athletes as they come to the end of their seasons.
- ❖ We pray for farmers as they finish this harvest season, praying for safety for everyone.
- ❖ We pray for our mentor and mentee relationships, as mentor pairs gather together this afternoon. We give thanks for Sandy Banman and her commitment to organizing and leading this program.
- ❖ We're grateful for the hopeful news that Steve Banman received this week that the cancer cells have not grown.

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, October 24	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service in person and on Zoom
	12:00 pm	Mennonite College Student Noon Fundraiser Meal
	5:00 pm	Mentor/Mentee Gathering -- Activities & light supper
Monday, October 25	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
Wednesday, October 27	6:30 pm	Midweek Activities
	6:20 – 7:30 pm	Children's/Junior High Hayrack Ride
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons
October 27-29		Serve at New Hope Shelter
Monday, November 1	7:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
November 9, 10, 11		MCC Meat Canning
Sunday, November 14	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Goessel Community Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Meal
Thursday, November 25	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today -- Everyone is invited to participate in the Fall Fundraiser meal (take-out only) for 7 of our students attending Mennonite colleges. Following the service, come to either lobby, donate generously, and your noon meal is ready to take! Thank you!

Today -- Mentor/Mentee Fall Gathering @ 5pm. Meet at the shelter house for outdoor activities and supper. **Bring a lawn chair.**

The Children's and Jr. High Midweek classes will be participating in a Fall Harvest Party on Wednesday, October 27. Children will meet by the parked hayracks near the Shelter House at **6:20 pm (note early arrival time)** and be dismissed from there at 7:30 pm. The party will include a hayrack ride out in the country and a campfire, s'mores and singing back at the church yard. **Each child received a permission slip this last week and will need to bring it back signed by their parents to participate in the party.** Please have your child dress warmly as we will be outside for the entire evening. In case of poor weather conditions, alternate activities will be held inside the church.

There are **helpful resources** on the tables in both north and south lobbies concerning "end of life" issues and decisions. There is a large booklet produced by Everence called *Making your wishes known* as well as a smaller three-fold pamphlet from Newton Medical Center on *Advance Care Planning*. The more planning and thought that you can give to these decisions ahead of time, the easier it will be for family members at the time of your death – do this favor for your loved ones! Pastors Caleb and Lois are available to help you talk and think through any of these plans.

Sunday, November 7 our worship service will be planned and led by Cynthia Neufeld Smith. Following the *Anabaptist Essentials* series, the service will focus on aspects of reconciliation – between self and God, among members, and in the broader world, and then culminating with a vision of a reconciled world. Cynthia is a retired pastor and a current and active church musician. She served for five years on the committee that created the *Voices Together* book. Cynthia will skillfully weave together theological teaching and meaningful worship as she leads us.

Senior Fellowship -- Mark the third Friday of each month on your calendars and plan to attend!

- Friday, November 19 – Brian Stucky will share about his recently published book, *Alexanderwohl Names 1622 - 2020*
- Friday, December 17

Bethesda Home's Annual Pillar's Banquet will be held on Sunday, November 7 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. This will be a drive-thru event. Meals will be picked up at Tabor Church. Suggested donation is \$150/plate for adults and \$25/plate for children 12 and under. RSVP by October 31 to Sara Hiebert (shiebert@bethesdahome.org) or by calling Bethesda Home 620.367.2291.

MCC Meat Canning will be November 9, 10 & 11. The cost of meat has more than doubled in price this year. If you would like to make a contribution for the meat make your check payable to MCC, note Hillsboro Area Meat Canning in the memo. Send to: Ken Koslowsky, 127 North Main Street, Hillsboro, Ks 67063.

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CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, to further WDC's mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anna Alderfer, Bowen Dick-Burkey, Dawson Duerksen, Brooke Nafziger, and Service Adventure unit leaders, Barry and Erika Kreider, who are settling into community living and extending the ministries of host congregation, Albuquerque (New Mexico) Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they work with children and youth, people without homes, Habitat for Humanity, a community art center, and an urban farm.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabor Church's Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

Thursday, November 4 is the date set for the 2021 Tabor Church Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ. Once again, it will be a "Drive-By" from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Donations will be received that evening for our Mission Partners, the Givens family, and Bethesda Home.

Marion County Core Communities

Change the world with one dollar a day challenge. Marion County Core Community is looking for 100 brave and generous people who will pledge \$1 a day or \$30 a month for one year. \$1 a day can solve poverty by inviting families experiencing poverty to a safe place where their voices are heard, they are treated with honor and dignity as they unpack their lives, gain new relationships and build resources. Text or call Mark Rogers @ 620-877-0899. All gifts are tax deductible.

Camp Mennoscah

Summer is practically tomorrow (plus 8 months)! Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for 2022 summer staff on Nov. 8 at Hesston, Nov. 9 at Tabor, and November 10 at Bethel College with other Mennonite Camping Association camps. Tables are usually outside or near the cafeteria. We'll be there from mid-morning through lunch.

Send camp up in flames! The brush piles from the month-long tree trimming this past spring are ready to burn! Get a group together and schedule a day to burn (wind speed permitting). We'll keep trying until a day works! Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Thank you for granting wishes! We are grateful for the recent donations of items off the Wish List. Thank you! The list has more wishes and there are more projects to do. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to Get Involved! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the Wish List for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!

Camp Mennoscah has openings for a part-time custodial/housekeeping position (10 hours) and a part-time office/administrative position (30 hours with benefits). Some of the office/administrative tasks can be done from home. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for more information.

Bethel College

Thurs., Oct. 28 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra Halloween concert, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more.

Fri., Oct. 29 – The “Voices Together” art exhibit, a display of the original artwork featured in the new *Voices Together* hymnal, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 2-4 p.m. on Sunday. IN ADDITION, **Rachel Epp Buller**, professor of visual arts and design at Bethel and gallery and exhibit coordinator, is **available to church groups who would like to visit the exhibit on an evening or weekend outside regular hours**. Contact her at rebuller@bethelks.edu to set up a time between Oct. 29-Nov. 19.

Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to the Administration Building steps (Memorial Hall in case of bad weather; Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more).

Fri., Nov. 5 – The Menno Simons Lecture Endowment, with the support of the Reimer-Boese Worship and the Arts Endowment, will bring Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, to the Bethel College campus for two lectures on the theme “This is Our Story, This is our Song: The Power of Music in Community.” “The Sound of Science” is at **11 a.m. in Memorial Hall** as part of Bethel’s student convocation series. “Music and Memory, Meaning and Mission” is at **7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium** in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Livestream options will be available. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more.

Fri., Nov. 5 – Reception for Menno Simons lecturer Jan Kraybill and the “Voices Together” exhibit (in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College), **following Kraybill’s lecture that begins at 7 p.m.** in Krehbiel Auditorium, in the Fine Arts Center lobby. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more.

Hesston College

Bel Canto Singers Fall Concert: [Deep Peace](#) – Oct. 24, 2 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church

The program is inspired by this year’s theme verse at Hesston College, Ephesians 4:2-3, in which Paul calls Christians to lift each other up in community. Masks required for audience; all performers are fully vaccinated and will sing without masks. www.hesston.edu/livestream See poster on bulletin boards for more info.

Sunflower Performing Arts at Hesston College

The Sunflower Performing Arts series will begin Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. with the first-ever Sunflower Soirée, a concert of local and regional artists that also promotes the season ahead and kicks off the organization’s annual patron drive.

Free of charge, this event will feature the following artists: pianist Karen Schlabaugh; The Sunflower Trio; flautists Kristin Shaffer and Kenna Graber; guitarists Howard Glanton and Excier Rodriguez; soprano Holly Swartzendruber and pianist Karen Unruh; and musicians Ken Rodgers and Russell Adrian.

Sunflower Performing Arts season tickets can be purchased or picked up at the concert. Tax-deductible donations can also be made to Sunflower Performing Arts during this time. In place of a spring pie reception for season ticket holders, light refreshments will be served.

Formerly the Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts series, the Sunflower Performing Arts series will continue to feature world-renowned artists. The 2021-22 lineup includes: Canadian Brass on Dec. 7; Mad River Theater Works Presents: Freedom Riders on Jan. 28; VOCES8 on Feb. 22; and Stephen Lancaster, baritone, and Kevin Vaughn, organ, on Mar. 27. More information on each performance can be found at sunflowerarts.org. All concerts will take place at Hesston Mennonite Church.

Audience members and staff are required to wear masks while inside the church, and the visiting artists will wear masks when not rehearsing or performing

Tabor College’s Handels’ *Messiah* performance, Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

We invite you to join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at our annual *Messiah* performance. This year we are partnering with the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association and inviting people to bring items for their food pantry. We will also be taking an offering in support of the ministry. Reserve your free tickets by going to tabor.edu/tickets or calling the box office at 620.947.3121, ext. 1402. See posters in lobby.

Help Wanted

Head cook wanted for the Hillsboro Senior Center in Hillsboro, KS. Position is 8 hours per day Monday – Friday. Benefits are sick leave, holidays, paid vacation, health insurance. Pick up application and job description at the Hillsboro Senior Center, 212 N Main St., Hillsboro, KS or send resume with cover letter to North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, 401 Houston, Manhattan, KS 66502 or call Rose at 1.800.432.2703 for details.

Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing

VT 555

1 – Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing into thy holy likeness to grow, thirsting for more and deeper communion, yearning thy love more fully to know. [Refrain]

2 -- Dead to the world would I be, O Savior, dead unto sin, alive unto thee. Crucify all the earthly within me, emptied of sin and self may I be. [Refrain]

3 -- I would be thine and serve thee forever, filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love. Come to my heart, Lord, come with anointing, showers of grace send down from above. [Refrain]

Refrain: Open the wells of grace and salvation, pour the rich streams deep into my heart. Cleanse and refine my thought and affection, seal me and make me pure as thou art.

Beautiful Things

VT 551

1 – All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way; I wonder if my life could really change at all. [vs. 2]

2 – All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found; could a garden come up from this ground at all? [to refrain]

3 – All around, hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos, life is being found in you. [to refrain]

Refrain: You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us. [to bridge after vs.3]

Bridge: You make me new, you are making me new. You make me new, you are making me new.

Far, Far Away / I Will Rise

VT 300

1 – Far, far away from my loving father, I had been wand'ring, wayward, wild, fearing only lest his anger overtake his sinful child.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

3 -- I will arise, though faint and weary, home to my father I will go. Woe to me that e'er I wandered, ah, that I such need should know.

4 -- "Father," I'll say, "I have sinned before thee, no more may I be called thy son. Make me only as thy servant; pity me, a wretch undone!"

5 -- Then I arose and came to my father. Mercy amazing! Love unknown! He beheld me, ran, embraced me, pardoned, welcomed, called me "son"! [Refrain]

I Sought the Lord

VT 161

1 – I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me. It was not I that found, O Savior true, no, I was found of thee.

2 – Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold, I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold as thou, dear Lord, on me.

3 – I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.