



Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! This morning we continue our exploration of what it means to be reconciled - each of us reconciled to God, reconciled to one another and finally, working with God to create a reconciled world. We welcome Cynthia Neufeld Smith this morning as she leads us in word and song, offering insights from her experience on the denominational committee that formed the *Voices Together* worship resource.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Fanfare ~Otterstad
Prelude in Classic Style ~Young

Jared Janzen

Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:3-4

VT 13

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

People: that we may be taught God's ways, and walk in God's paths.

Leader: For out of Zion goes forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

People: God will judge between the nations, and will arbitrate for many peoples;

Leader: they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.

Prayer of Invocation+

VT 857

***Gathering Songs**

Summoned by the God Who Made Us
Together

VT 1

VT 389

Children's Story

Like a Rock (VT 63)

Cynthia Neufeld Smith

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Simple Gifts ~arr. Estep
Leaning On the Everlasting Arms ~arr. Brown

Handbell Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**

VT 1020

Pastor Caleb

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Reconciliation is the Center of Our Work

Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 CEB

Pastors

Song

Ososo/Come Now, O Prince of Peace

VT 391

Individuals are Reconciled to God

Reading

VT 868

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.

Leader: therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Song *God Lights a Lamp* VT 299

Members are Reconciled to Each Other

Reading *Ephesians 2:13-18* CEB Pastors

Song *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* VT 174

Praying for Peace and Reconciliation

Prayer VT 1013

O Risen Christ, you breathe your Holy Spirit on us and you tell us: "Peace be yours."

*Opening ourselves to your peace – letting it soften the harsh and rocky ground of our hearts –
means preparing ourselves to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you may place us.*

But you know at times we are at a loss.

So come lead us to wait in silence, to let a ray of hope shine forth in our world.

Song *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace* VT 713

Vision of a Reconciled World

Reading VT 1048 Pastors

Song *We Dream of a Turning* VT 209

Responding to the Gospel (open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

***Benediction** VT 1050 Pastor Caleb

Postlude *Trumpet Tune ~Wagner* Jared Janzen

***Please stand if able**

+ 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 Leaders: Kyle and Justine Unruh, Bryant and Chrystiana Miller, Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert, Laura Unrau, Jacob Schrag, Timothy Schrag

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Trombone: Levi Schrag

Trumpets: Kyle Unruh and Jacob Schrag

Keyboard for Hymns: Karen Unruh

Hand Bell Choir Director: Mary Schmidt

Greeters: North – Carol and Donley Duerksen; South – Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Matthew and Laura Voth

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

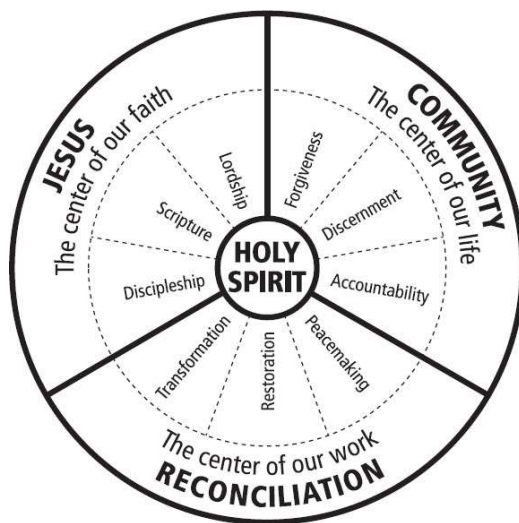
October 31 Attendance: 119 in person; 8 households on Zoom

We welcome Cynthia Neufeld Smith! Cynthia has various music degrees from Bluffton College, Bowling Green State University, AMBS, and KU. She and her husband, Roger co-pastored Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, for 30 years. Upon their retirement from Southern Hills they led the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, MS for 2 years and are now back in Topeka. Cynthia plays organ at a Presbyterian Church and teaches organ at Washburn University. Cynthia and Roger have 2 adult children and twin grandsons.

Questions for Reflection – Reconciliation is the center of our work.

1. As you've been thinking about the topic of reconciliation in the past week, what questions, ideas or concerns have come up for you?
2. Are there resources in *Voices Together* that nurture, challenge, or help you to articulate your faith in a new way?

Anabaptist Essentials: Next Sunday we conclude our theme of reconciliation with God's work of peace and reconciliation in the world through Christ. Our scripture reading will be Ephesians 2:11-22. If you are reading along in *Anabaptist Essentials* by Palmer Becker, this will correspond with chapter 9.



Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the people of Ethiopia as they experience fear, unrest and uncertainty.
- ❖ We pray for world leaders and all global citizens as decisions are made about how to care for the earth.
- ❖ We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the safe arrival of baby Kaiden Kye on November 2, born to Jamie Spoonmore and Rick Miller. Kaiden is a great-grandson of Lois Janzen.
- ❖ We pray for Josh Hein and his family at the loss of his maternal grandfather, Robert (Bob) Hermreck who died on Friday, October 29. Services were held for him on Tuesday, November 2.
- ❖ We ask for God's special comfort and closeness for Braxton Church this week as he and Amanda travel to Boston for surgical procedures.
- ❖ We ask God for continued healing for those suffering and recovering from Covid-19 and other illnesses.

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, November 7	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service in person and on Zoom
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bethesda Home's Annual Pillar's Banquet
Monday, November 8	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
November 10-11	3:00 – 6:00 pm	MCC Meat Canning
Wednesday, November 10	6:30 pm	Midweek Activities
Sunday, November 14	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Goessel Community Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Meal
Monday, November 15	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
	7:15 pm	Board of Worship
Friday, November 19	10:00 am	Senior Fellowship

Sunday, November 21	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Goessel Community JH Event at Tabor Park
Wednesday, November 24		NO Midweek Activities
Thursday, November 25	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Service
Saturday, December 4		Daughters of Grace Christmas program/fellowship time

Braxton Church, 5-year-old son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, will travel to Boston Children's Hospital from Nov. 12-17 for multiple, highly-specialized surgeries that will take place on Nov 15th. These surgeries are for Braxton's ongoing GI and airway medical conditions. Braxton, Amanda, & Amanda's cousin will be flying to Boston. Please be in prayer for Braxton, his family, and his team of medical providers and surgeons as they continue to care for him, as well as for Kelcey & Natalie who will remain at home. If you would like to follow Braxton's medical journey, check out his Facebook page at fb.me/BraxtonMChurch.

Relief meat canning is coming up November 10 & 11th, 3 to 6 pm both days at the MCC Center. The sign-up sheet is in the south lobby.

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*. Plan to join us!
- Friday, December 17

The Christmas Giving Tree - Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Crossroads Credit Union are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree invites us to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for families in our community. Anyone who is aware of needs for children is welcome to fill out an application. List each child by name, age and gift suggestions with clothing sizes. Applications are available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. Applications need to be turned in by **Friday, November 19** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Credit Union. Each child will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, gender and gift description; the names of the children will not be on the tags. The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 23**. All gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 13**. The gifts will be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. We hope everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both givers and receivers. We encourage each of our congregations to join in this ministry opportunity. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors.

Josie's Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling has been helping families in need of medical equipment for a year. To borrow equipment, call Nancy Stucky at (620)747-9359 or email josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com. Items often requested include shower chairs, commodes, walkers, and transport chairs. Donations of those and other gently used items are appreciated and can be made with the same contact information.

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CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for WDC Pastors' Day Apart on November 13, that the Holy Spirit would guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, *Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?*

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Sue and Wally Fahrer's ministries of music, church-planting, pastoring and counseling in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly four decades. Pray for them as they continue to serve God in their retirement in Liverpool, England.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Looking for summer staff! Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College (Nov. 8), Tabor College (Nov. 9) and Bethel College (Nov. 10) recruiting for summer staff with other Mennonite Camping Association camps. Camps are usually set up at tables near the cafeteria. We'll be there from mid-morning through lunch. Stop by to hear more about Summer 2022!

Bethel College

Now in the Regier Gallery at Bethel College – "Voices Together," a display of the original artwork featured in the new *Voices Together* hymnal, through Nov. 19. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. 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 now and Nov. 19.

Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

Tues., Nov. 9 – Bethel College's Organ Recital Series returns in-person with Shirley Sprunger King, D.M.A., 7 p.m., in the Ad Building chapel. Chapel seating will be limited, and there will be a livestream option on the big screen in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

Sun., Nov. 14 – KIPCOR Film Series: *A Home Called Nebraska*, 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. Emily Haverkamp, an immigration and asylum lawyer from Wichita, will lead the discussion following the screening. Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors with groups of 10 or more.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College seeks a visitor services coordinator: an organized, detail-oriented, social media-savvy, curious, friendly individual to work 75-100% FTE with visitors, school groups, volunteers and student staffers, and to do scheduling and internal office management. The VSC will be a part of a multitasking team of five. For the job description and to apply, visit <http://www.kauffmanmuseum.org/vsc>. For more information, contact Andi Andres at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 4, at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3, from 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday, December 4 from 7:00-9:00am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Mennonite Central Committee

NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults: Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit mcc.org/seek.

SALT applications are now open! Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

MCC seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky: MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all

aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. Apply online for this opening by December 10 at mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Western District Conference

The Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty invites you to its 2021 Abolition Conference: “United Against the Death Penalty: All Roads Lead to Repeal”. This virtual event will be held on **Saturday November 6, 2021** from 1 to 3 p.m. on Zoom.

Panelists are: Mary Head, murder victim family member; Dalton Glasscock, former Chair Sedgwick County Republican Party; Kevin Willmott, award winning director and screen writer, KU Department of Film and Media Studies; Rev. Willmar Harder, pastor Buhler Mennonite Church; and Julia Spainhour, chief attorney of Kansas Capital Habeas Office. This event is open to KCADP members and the general public. To register and get your Zoom link, send an email to info@ksabolition.org and include your name and address.

WDC delegates approved a resolution against the death penalty on August 8, 2009. In this resolution it states “We call upon the congregations of the Western District Conference to support efforts to change the public policy toward the elimination of the death penalty.” WDC’s statement on the death penalty can be found here.

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, with [Moors & McCumber](#), will be on Sunday, November 7 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

VT 1

1 – Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity:

Refrain:

Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

2 -- Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light, ev'ry person in God's image, ev'ry person, God's delight. (Refrain)

3 -- Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within. Dare to dream the vision promised sprung from seed of what has been. (Refrain)

4 -- Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation; bring the art of ev'ry race. Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space. (Refrain)

5 -- Draw together at one table all the human family; shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free. (Refrain)

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB (USA), © 1993 Delores Dufner (published by OCP)

Together

VT 389

1 – I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me? I will sing with you, my fam'ly; will you sing with me? The notes won't always come out as I'd like, but I will learn to see the log in my own eye.

God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

2 -- I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me? I will sing with you, my neighbor; will you sing with me? My words will be imperfect, but I'll try. Bringing my assumptions to the light, I'll pray,

God, I'll surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

3 -- I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me? I will sing with you, my rival; will you sing with me? Diff'rence is a place where God is found. In seeking peace, we're walking onto holy ground.

God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together.

4 -- We will sing our song together; sing in harmony. We will sing our song together, whether two or three. Jesus feels our pain; he sets us free. The Spirit's given us this song of hope to sing:

God, we surrender. Bring us together, bring us together. Bring us together, bring us together.

Last Time: Bring us together, bring us together.

Text: Nathan Grieser (USA), 2014, rev. 2018, © 2014 Nathan Grieser

Like a Rock

VT 63

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky, God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Text: Keri K. Wehlender (Canada), 1998, © 1999 Borealis Music

Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace)

VT 391

1 – Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

2 -- Come now, O God of love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

3 -- Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

4 -- Come, Hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Text: Korean; Geonyong Lee (Korea), 1988; trans. Marion Pope (Canada), © 2012 Geonyong Lee

God Lights a Lamp

VT299

God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere for the hidden, lonely heart. God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere. When she finds you, oh, she sings: "I have found my treasure, my precious silver coin. I have found my love!" Even angels will hear the news:, what once was lost is found.

Text: based on Luke 15: 8-10; Katie Graber (USA), © 2020 Katie Graber

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

VT 174

1 -- Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall!

2 -- We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.

3 -- Cast aside your doubts and fears, cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

4 -- We will tear down the walls! We will tear down ev'ry wall! God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the wall!

Text: Mark A. Miller (USA) © 2011 Chorister's Guild

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

VT 713

Refrain: Make me an instrument of your peace. Make me an instrument of your peace.

We Dream of a Turning

VT 209

1 -- We dream of a turning from ages of wrong, earth to Eden restored, and our pardon. Like Eve and Adam, join in a story and a song as we wander with God through the garden.

Refrain: Where true peace is shining as hate rolls away, see, God's bright new creation is gleaming. The morning rays that dawn on our weary, waking day bring a hope far beyond all our dreaming.

2 -- We dream of a feast where there's no one outside, turned away due to difference or label, when all the weapons forged to destroy or to divide turn to rust far from God's holy table. (Refrain)

3 -- We dream of a mountain where no harm is done, where the wolf and the lamb lie together. A little child shall dance, leading all the creatures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feather! (Refrain)

Text: Adam M. L. Tice (USA), 2008, © 2009 GIA Publications, Inc.

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

VT 849

We, your people, sing your praises as together we are sent to reveal your new creation in the shadows of lament. Give us courage for the journey, shepherd Jesus, be our guide; help us lead with hope and passion till all things are reconciled.

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