

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to our service of worship at Alexanderwohl!** As we continue in the season of Lent, we contemplate Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus speaks of a living water that becomes a fountain within us springing up to abundant life. May we discover this kind of life and become witnesses like the Samaritan woman.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering** *Meditation on 'How Great Thou Art' ~Carter* Jason Peters  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~Fedak*

**Welcome** Pastor Caleb Yoder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**\*Gathering Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* VT 436

**Call to Worship** *(Melody Zimmerman, The Soil and the Seed Project)*

**Jesus, you are the source. You sustain us** (Congregation echo)

*Giver of living water; You come in humility and ask for a drink.*

*You meet us with a gift: deep, lasting life; Life now and in the age to come*

*May the water you give bubble up in us and flow out.*

**Jesus, you are the source. You sustain us** (echo)

### Invocation Prayer+

**Children's Story** Rosi Reimer

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 17:1-7 Justine Unruh

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Caleb

**All: Give us this living water so we may never thirst again. Amen.**

**Song of Invitation** *All Who Are Thirsty* VT 49

**Morning Prayer** Marilyn Unruh Flaming

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

**Offertory** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ~Held* Jason Peters

**\*Song of Dedication** *You Are All We Have* VT 701

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Worship Music</b>	<i>Come to the Water</i> [VT 35]	Chancel Choir
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 4:5-42	Justine Unruh
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Living Water"</i>	Pastor Caleb
<b>Responding to the Gospel</b>	<i>(open sharing)</i>	
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>	VT 536

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Caleb
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i> ~Burkhardt	Jason Peters

\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

+ The peace lamp is a visual reminder that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

This service made use of resources from *Leader*, Winter 2022-23; and *The Soil and the Seed Project*, Vol. 6.

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Lois Janzen  
South – David and Aileen Esau

**Visual Arts:** LaNae Unruh

**Nursery Staff:** Ann Hiebert, Natalie Church, Tammy Flaming

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**March 5 Attendance:** Sunday School – 93; Worship -- 138 in person, 10 Zoom households

**March 5 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$35.04; First Fruits – \$18,612.11

### Questions for Reflection (John 4:5-42)

1. What do you find most compelling about Jesus' conversation with this woman?
2. How can we be challenged by her example?
3. What boundaries did Jesus cross in speaking with her?

**Next Sunday** will be the fourth Sunday of Lent. Pastor Caleb will preach from John 9:1-41 (Jesus heals a blind man). There will be a candle-lighting ritual as a way to offer griefs and burdens to God.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We are grateful for the work of the Board of Trustees as they maintain our building and grounds and tend to personnel needs.
- ❖ We pray for Pastor Lois and Tom as they spend this next week traveling with their family.

- ❖ God, we pray your blessing on Radene Unruh as she and her cousin Donna Van Winkle take a trip together to Germany. We are grateful for the good health that Radene is experiencing so that she can do this!
- ❖ We pray for families traveling or engaged in special plans over the coming spring break week.
- ❖ We pray for families navigating transitions and uncertainty in health status.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, March 12**

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Move clocks ahead 1 hour

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### **Monday, March 13**

3:00 pm -- Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

### **Tuesday, March 14**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 15**

NO Midweek Activities – Spring Break

### **Thursday, March 16**

7:00 pm – Board of Worship

### **Friday, March 17**

10:00 am – Senior Coffee – Susan Mayo, Flint Hills Counterpoint

### **Sunday, March 19**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## **COMING EVENTS**

Mar 26 Mennonite College Student Fundraiser Meal

Mar 31 Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner

Apr 9 Easter Sunday

Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale – Hutchinson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note that there is no midweek this coming Wednesday, March 15.** We will meet March 22 – the final midweek will be March 29.

**Pastor Lois is away for the week**, returning on Saturday, March 18.

**Flint Hills Counterpoint** is a collaboration between composer Susan Mayo, filmmaker Cyan Meeks, and the community of rural Marion County, Kansas to explore and discover the wonders of Marion County, deepening the experience through arts interventions. We are committed to fostering land stewardship through conservations, arts and community programming. Come to **Senior Coffee on Friday, March 17** at **10:00 a.m.** to hear more about this from Susan Mayo.

**Join us for lunch March 26!** The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team will prepare and serve your noon meal. It will be a delicious pulled pork meal served in the fellowship hall. Come to support our eight students attending Mennonite colleges.

**Easter lily plants may be shared on Easter Sunday** morning in memory of a loved one. These plants will be part of the Easter display in the sanctuary on April 9. Please call or email the church office by **Tuesday, April 4**, with the name of the loved one that you are remembering.

**Register for summer camps!** As soon as you have your child(ren) registered and have received your confirmation, let the church office know what dates your child(ren) will be attending. You will be reimbursed from the Board of Education. If you have questions, please contact Janine Peters at [petersjd@mtelco.net](mailto:petersjd@mtelco.net) or 316-284-4170.

**This year music will be provided as a fundraising activity at the MCC Relief Sale** on Friday afternoon, April 14, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm in the Meadowlark Building. Organizers are looking for groups that would like to perform. See the information on Friday's email or contact the church office for more information or to sign up.

**Freezer meals are always a thoughtful way to offer care and concern;** the freezer is currently empty! 8x8 aluminum pans of casserole meals and/or crock pot meals that are in zip-loc bags are particularly helpful. Thank you! ~The Pastors and Deacons

**Thank you -- We would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of all the Goessel Community Junior Highers for your support at our fundraiser meal last Sunday.** It was fun to see our junior highers working together and the fellowship among everyone! We loved seeing a packed cafeteria! This ministry wouldn't be possible if not for all of you. Please keep us in your prayers as we anticipate and plan for Camp 412 in a few months! Thank you for supporting our youth! ~Michelle Unruh & Laura Unrau