

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *As the Deer Runs to the River* ~Uehlein

***Prayer of Dedication**

First Fruits Giving

Karen Unruh

Pastor Caleb Yoder

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Ben Schrag

Message

“Learning to see”

Pastor Caleb

Candle Lighting

Congregational Song

Open My Eyes

VT 732

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Sending Song

Use Us, God

VT 811

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude**

Karen Unruh

*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: Braden Unruh

Greeters: North – Arlin and Maretta Buller
South – Craig and Jody Schmidt

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Emma Schroeder, Beth Yoder

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

March 12 Attendance: Sunday School – 76; Worship -- 108 in person, 13 Zoom households

March 12 Offering: Sunday School -- \$25.86; First Fruits – \$4,572.90

Questions for Reflection (John 9:1-41)

1. What does the images of light and darkness convey to you? What about the dark makes you nervous?
2. What might our blind spots be? How do we avoid claiming to see when we don’t fully see?
3. How do we perceive the light of Christ? What changes as a result?

Next Sunday will be the fifth Sunday of Lent. Pastor Lois will preach from John 11:1-45 (Jesus raises Lazarus).

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for folks with changes in health and their families.
- ❖ We pray for the youth in the Faith Exploration class as they reflect on their journeys this spring.

- ❖ We pray for the final midweek sessions as most activities draw to a close on March 29.
- ❖ We pray for the Apache community acting to preserve their sacred site of Oak Flat (see more information under announcements).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities

Thursday, March 23

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Sunday, March 26

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Noon – Mennonite College Student Fundraiser Meal

COMING EVENTS

Mar 31 Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner

Apr 6 Maundy Thursday Service

Apr 9 Easter Sunday

Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale – Hutchinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for lunch next Sunday, March 26! The fundraiser meal to support our 8 students attending Mennonite colleges will be in the fellowship hall. Come for great food and fellowship and to support a worthy cause!

The Board of Deacons will host a soup and bread supper on Maundy Thursday, April 6, as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This event, which will include singing, scripture, prayer and taking communion together, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on either bulletin board by Sunday, April 2. Child care will be provided.

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 or 316-284-4170.

You have the unique opportunity to hear guest speaker Britayne Rucker, KWCH 12 Morning News Anchor, and support the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum at the 2023 Heritage Dinner to be held March 31, 6:30 p.m., at Tabor Mennonite Church. A delicious roast beef dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Tickets are \$65/person or only \$35/person for those attending for the first time. Please make reservations by **March 27** by calling the museum at 620-367-8200 or emailing goesselmuseum@gmail.com.

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.

From Tina Schrag at MCC: The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the Apache Stronghold on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, Chi'chil Bida'goteel. Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an amicus brief (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of "One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle," to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer before their court case and ask us to join them.