

No. 27

The theme this morning is about telling the stories of how we came to be here. Since we spent a lot of time in 2024 telling our own stories, this morning we'll focus mostly on the Indigenous stories of peoples who lived here before us. How do we work for peace, justice and love right here, right now?

Gathering Music *Rock of Ages* ~arr. Gordon Young Jared Janzen
 Pastorale on 'Holy Manna' ~arr. Gordon Young

Welcome Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Leader: We gather in gratitude:

All : For the ancestors who came before us.

Leader: We gather in hope:

All : For the generations who will follow us.

Leader: We gather in delight:

All: For God's Spirit in this sacred space.

Leader: Come, Great Mystery!

All: Embolden us through this time of worship to be people of peace and bearers of blessing. Amen.

*Gathering Hymns	<i>Mountain of God</i>	VT 11
	<i>Ehane he'ama (Father God, You Are Holy)</i>	VT 59

Children's Story

Eric Schrag

Congregational Song *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside* VT 514

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Offertory	<i>Chorale Prelude</i> ~Douglas Wagner	Jared Janzen
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***Prayer of Dedication** *God of the Fertile Fields* (vs. 1-2) VT 750

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 CEB Marilyn Unruh Flaming
Matthew 5:1-12 FNV

Sermon *Looking through someone else's lenses* Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Response / Sending** *For the Healing of the Nations* VT 705

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Baroque Trumpet* ~Gordon Young Jared Janzen

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe that God's shalom will prevail.

Greeters: North – Kim Voth
South – Judy Goertzen

Organ/Piano: Jared Janzen

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Song Leader: Renae Schmidt Peters

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Myra Peters

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

July 6 Attendance: Sunday School – 93; Worship -- 135 in person;
18 Zoom Households

July 6 Offering: Sunday School -- \$98.21; First Fruits -- \$6,745.87

Next Sunday – We'll wrap up our series on "Telling a Different Story: Land, Faith and Indigenous Justice". Eric Schrag will bring the message. Texts will be Psalm 148 and Luke 12:22-32 focusing on gratitude and interconnectedness.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the residents of the Hill Country in TX who are still searching for bodies and grieving the losses after the flooding in their area.
- ❖ We pray for those who live in fear of being targeted, detained or mistreated.
- ❖ We're grateful for the grain that has been harvested and pray for your continued presence with those still harvesting.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am -- Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)

10:30 am – Worship

Noon Potluck for Friends and Followers Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 14

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, July 15

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education, Conference Room

Sunday, July 20

9:30 am – Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

July 18	No Senior Coffee in July – See you in August!
July 20	Area JH summer swim party at Hesston
July 25	Kansas Food Bank produce distribution
Aug 1-2	Goessel Threshing Days
Aug 3	Joint Community Worship Service at Goessel Park, 10 am
Aug 8-9	WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church
Aug 15	Senior Coffee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seth and Stephany (Meyer) Rudeen, recent graduates of Bethel College, are going to be embarking on a service year with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala beginning in August. Stephany has attended Vacation Bible School with us here at AMC. They are currently trying to finish the fundraising process for their trip, and are requesting prayer and financial support. They will be here to share more about their trip **next Sunday, July 20.** If you would like to donate, visit their page on the MMN website at the following link: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/ministry-with-youth-in-guatemala-needs-your-support/>

The Vacation Bible School directors and church leadership would value your feedback about this year's VBS collaboration with Alexanderwohl and Tabor Mennonite Churches. Please see the Friday email for a link to the online feedback form. **Please respond today.**

Catch the reading bug! AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool thru adult. For every book you read, add a circle to our caterpillar's body by the library. The circles are located on the library book tables in the lobbies and in the library. Write the book title and your name on the circle. For every circle that you add you will be entered into a drawing at the end of summer. Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434 or Laura Unrau 620-386-4331.

The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others. See Megan Duerksen for more information.

The 2025-2026 AMC Greeter Schedule has been distributed to your church mailbox. If the date assigned will not work, please make an attempt to trade with someone and then notify Kevin Gaeddert with the changes made via text/email @ 573-789-3584 or k.gaeddert@gmail.com. As always, we are grateful for your willingness to serve. Thank you!

WDC Annual Assembly is August 8-9 at Hesston College. Delegates from Alexanderwohl will be Pastor Lois, Timothy Schrag and Erica Stoltzfus.

Thank you for your generous donations of baby items for distribution by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Wichita!

~ The Board of Mission and Service

August 3 Worship Service – Joint worship service of the three area churches at the **Goessel City Park at 10:00 am**. Hosted by Goessel Church with Brad Penner preaching. See Announcement Sheet for details.

Kansas Food Bank produce distribution July 25th -- The Board of Mission and Service has scheduled another service opportunity with the New Life Church and Outreach Center in Wichita to assist them with the Kansas Food Bank produce distribution on **July 25th from 3-6 pm**. A sign-up sheet is in the south lobby. There is usually a group eat out afterwards so come and get in on the action and fun! Contact Judy Goertzen at 316-227-0982 with questions.

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! We know that many hands make work light. Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 2. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and **respond by July 20**. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact Aileen Esau at daesau@gmail.com or 620.386.4463.

Have you thought about volunteering at the New Hope Shelter and just don't know what's involved? There are two upcoming dates for volunteer training at the shelter. They will be on Monday, **July 28, and August 25** from **6:30 – 8:00 pm** and led by Jeremy Hadaway, the volunteer coordinator. We could use more of **you** to help fill in the AMC slots when it is our next turn to serve at the end of August. Talk to Janice if you have any questions!