

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2013

Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship – Psalm 96 (*in unison*)

No.820

* Hymn 116

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Offering to God

Western District Conference

* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we recall that when the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. There he would suffer and die upon a cross. As your Word forms us, help us to use these days in Lent to understand anew the suffering and saving love of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Testament Readings

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

* Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-35

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Christ Crucified”

Affirming Faith

No. 714

* Hymn 260

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Hymn 353

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

* Hymn of Praise – No. 105

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

* Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Cal Frye

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Keyboard: Sara Unruh

Scripture Reader: Curt Regehr

Audio: K. John Klaassen

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Nursery: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn

Ushers: Josh Patterson & Rob Schunn

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

**The Adult Sunday School classes will begin
10 minutes after the service is over.
Everyone is welcome!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, as they commission their new pastors – Rosie Epp and Ray Reimer.

Mennonite Mission Network: Don and Marie Gaeddert of MMN are building relationships with Chinese students and colleagues through teaching university-level English classes. Pray for them as they continue to adapt to life in China and support believers through attending a local church.

Adult Sunday School Elective - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome" During the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary Pastor Weldon will show pictures of sites Paul visited in his travel through Greece and Italy. Weldon has traveled several times to the sites of Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Rome. Each Sunday we will visit a different site seeing the locations and learning of the background of the familiar sites. Come join this "field trip!" The presentations will take place on: Feb. 24, March 17 & 24, April 7, 14, 28, and May 5.

Church Events

Tuesday afternoon Quilters are welcome to come to the church and quilt on the MCC quilt anytime from 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Junior Dept. Programming
 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Youth Programming
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Weldon

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5. This is an extraordinary scripture! Join this study of the message where Paul says the cross is foolishness but it is the power of God to save. – Weldon

Sunday, March 10 John and Valerie Klaassen will host a meal for all college-age young adults on March 10. We look forward to seeing you there - please feel free to invite your friends! If anyone would like to help with this college lunch, please speak with John or Valerie. Thanks!

Et Cetera

Learn more about the suffering of Anabaptist martyrs and African-American slaves and their commonalities at “Common Threads: Anabaptist and African-American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope” at 7:30 p.m., February 24 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman. The event is free and open to the public though a free-will offering will be received to cover program costs. The program, which features Hesston College faculty members Tony Brown, John Sharp and Ken Rodgers, is in honor of Black History Month.

Mark your calendars ladies - an evening of fellowship and inspiration is planned for Thursday, March 21, at Whitestone Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Hesston. This annual Spring Supper will feature Ruth Lapp Guengerich, Co-Executive Director of Mennonite USA as guest speaker. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (costing \$6.00 per person). There will be special music and an offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. This event is for women of all ages of South Central Conference and Western District Conference and their guests. Reservations are required by March 4 – see the poster on the bulletin for more details.

The latest issue of *On the Way*, Mennonite Church USA’s online newsletter, is available at www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way. *On the Way* is a free, short, bilingual online resource for everyone in Mennonite Church USA. Each issue focuses on one of the seven churchwide priorities. You can subscribe to receive *On the Way* directly at <http://eepurl.com/i8oX9>. This issue focuses on **Church-to-Church Relationships**, highlighting how Mennonite Church USA is building relationships with alternative church groups and Christian intentional communities. Interchurch Relations Associate Joanna Shenk shares about communities she has visited, offers reflections from her new book—*Widening the Circle: Experiments in Christian Discipleship*—and challenges Mennonites to consider how we’re living up to our theological commitments. We hope you’ll enjoy the content and consider sharing your responses and ideas via our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

Needs increasing for Syrians: Mennonite Central Committee welcomes donations to continue its humanitarian assistance and grassroots peacebuilding in Syria and nearby Jordan and Lebanon. Please make your donation at www.donate.mcc.org or send it to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500, designating "Middle East Crisis." Your prayers and donations make a difference - Thank you.

Spring Break at Camp Mennoscah! We know that most adults don't get a Spring Break, but if you've got a few days off and a passion for camping, we've got something for you. The Mennonite Camping Association Regional gathering will be at Camp Mennoscah, March 18-20. Camping folks from the West & Midwest (including Canada!) will gather for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun. More information can be found at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats.

We want to give you a free tee shirt! But for you to get your Camp Mennoscah tee shirt, you'll have to spend a week having fun as one of our nurses or kitchen helpers for our summer youth camps. Kitchen staff is still needed for the weeks of June 16-20, June 23-29, July 7-11, July 21-27, and July 28-Aug. 2. Nurses are needed for the weeks of June 16-20, July 7-11, and July 21-27. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290. We think it's one of the best volunteer jobs ever!

Announcements

You’re invited to join “Prayers of the Church” each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Mary Ann Wiebe and Kylee Schunn
Nursery Next Sunday: Joyce Wedel and Katrina Regehr
Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Relief Sale \$2,297.52
Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastor Weldon will be in the church office on Wednesday afternoons.

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