



**GRACE HILL
MENNONITE CHURCH**

March 20, 2016 Whitewater, Kansas
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**Worship
*Palm Sunday***

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Courtney Nethercot
Pianist: Ellen Mosiman Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Weldon Martens

Gathering Music

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 118)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let the women say.

Women God's steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let the men say.

Men God's steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: The Lord our God has given us light!

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Children's Story

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for childcare

* Gathering Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* HWB 238

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

ALL: Lord we confess that we have not been pure—we have not been living into the truth of the gospel. We confess that we have acted in sinful ways rather than out of your healing, redeeming love. Forgive us, heal us, and reconcile us, oh God, so that we reflect your covenant love in all our relationships: with you, with each other, and with all of creation we pray...

Confession in Silence

Pastor: The LORD is God, and in the darkness of our sinfulness he has given us the light of salvation. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 118:27, 29)

PROCLAMATION

* Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* HWB 237

* Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40

Sermon "Whose King? Which Kingdom?"

RESPONSE

* Hymn *Christ is Our Cornerstone* HWB 43

Offering and Offertory Local Church
* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing and Prayer
* Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* HWB 353

SENDING FORTH

* Gospel Reading Luke 22:1-6

* Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

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

My grateful thanks to Pastor Weldon and all who shared in my recent illness with visits, calls, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement to my family. But most of all, I thank you for your prayers. While I am doing much better, I cherish your continued prayers. Rita Patterson

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made our peppernut baking a successful event - those who prepared dough and/or baked peppernuts; those who came to the meeting to cut and bake peppernuts, watched the ovens, provided devotions. We have 43 packages of peppernuts to take to the MCC Sale. The proceeds will go to clothe, feed, and educate in the name of Christ.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's work through church plants in WDC (Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Camino Nuevo in Dallas, TX; Iglesia Camino de Santidad in Liberal, KS; and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto in Wichita, KS) and the support of their sister churches.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Arloa Bontrager, Del Hershberger and Sharon Norton of Mennonite Mission Network as they spend the coming week with Journey International participants in Indonesia reflecting on their experience and strengthening the relationship with host church, *Jemaat Kristen Indonesia*.

“Our vision at Grace Hill Mennonite Church is for a revitalized ministry seeking authentic community that honors Christ by:

discerning our gifting;

developing a leadership team;

deepening our core ministries of

care, education and hospitality.”

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Service with Zion at Grace Hill. A time of fellowship with a pie reception will follow the service. All are welcome to attend!

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast at Curtis C's, Newton.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a joint Maundy Thursday worship service of the Zion and Grace Hill congregations meeting at Zion in Elbing on March 24 at 7 p.m., including celebration of the Lord's Supper. We're planning a traditional Tenebrae service of scripture readings, music and prayer, and anticipate departing in silence and darkness (thus, no fellowship after the gathering on this occasion).

Next Sunday at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - following the service, the Social Committee will be serving biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Come and enjoy!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 8 & 9 Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson

- Bakers: We need baked items – we have zwieback bags, bread bags and pie tins.
- Quilter's Corner, Friday Night Verenike Frying, Children's Activities, New Year's Cookies, Kansas Crafts, Plants & Things, Feeding of the Multitudes.....many signup sheets – take a look at what interests you!
- See the table and bulletin board in the foyer for sign-up sheets and all kinds of information!
- Questions – talk to Mike & Kathy Balzer or Kim & Debbie Claassen. Also, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org or Facebook.

Announcements

If you would like to contribute to Tara Becker-Harms in her work with **Actor, Models, & Talents** you are welcome to do so. Please designate your contribution as such.

Remington High School's Annual Community Service Day will be held, Wednesday, April 20th. This is an opportunity for the students to give back to their supportive community. If you have a job or know of someone who could use help with a project, please fill out a form located on the bulletin board or email Jodi Janzen at jjanzen@usd206.org.

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 9. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 6. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Royals Fans *Grace Hill at the K Part 2* is scheduled for Saturday, August 6. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the mailboxes. Fifty seats are available on the bus. The cost will be about \$90 per person. Questions - talk to K. John Klaassen. Don't wait too long to sign up, you might miss out!

Nursery This Sunday: Kaye Penner and Sara Westerfield
Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Quinn Dove

Ushers Next Sunday: Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn
Greeters Next Sunday: Doug and Katherine Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$2,005.00
Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Et Cetera

Enhance your Easter by attending the community choir performance of Excerpts of The Messiah on Saturday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Remington High School Auditorium. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Bethel College Concert Choir home concert will be Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Bethel College.

There is still space for the April 1-2 Story Matters memoir writing workshop at First Mennonite Church in Newton (6:30-8:30 pm on April 1 and 8:30 am - 3:30 pm on April 2). The cost is \$60. The workshop will be led by Laurie Oswald Robinson and is partially funded by a Loaves & Fishes Grant from Western District Conference. To register, e-mail Wendy Funk Schrag at pwschrag@cox.net.

Prayer and Scripture Continuing Ed. opportunity available from AMBS-Kansas Center: AMBS-Kansas Center will host a short course on prayer and Scripture entitled "Being Formed by God through Scripture." This course is open to anyone interested in learning how Scripture shapes our prayer practices. This course will be led by Kathryn Damiano, a spiritual director of 33 years and adjunct professor for AMBS-Great Plains. The course will meet on April 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Mennonite Church of the Servant in Wichita, KS (2401 N. Woodland, Wichita). If interested in taking this course for masters-level credit or if you have any questions, please contact Katherine Goerzen (kgoerzen@ambs.edu) for more information. Registration is now available at: <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/kansas-center-non-credit.cfm>.

Fearless Faith! We're going to be fearless in our faith and having courage in community this summer at Camp Mennoscah. Summer youth camps will be exploring how living as God's people requires great courage. Grab a friend, your swimsuit, and your sleeping bag--come join us! Scholarships are available. We want everyone to be able to come to camp! Contact us at 620-297-3290. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org!

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter would like to share the joy of our resurrected Savior with our residents this Easter. HCHS would like to give each resident their own personal Bible for Easter. If you would like to donate a new or gently used Bible to the shelter, please deliver the Bibles to HCHS, 900 W. Broadway, Building 7, Newton. If you have questions, contact James Wilson at 316-283-7711 or james@hchs-ks.com.

Mennonite Mission Network is now accepting applications for the role of Global Ministries Senior Executive to provide leadership and oversight to the Global Ministries division, to participate in organizational leadership, and to work with the Executive Director in cultivating healthy relationships with international and local partners. The anticipated start date is August 2016. To receive a position description or to send a letter of interest please address Human Resources Senior Executive Rachel Stoltzfus (RachelS@MMNWorld.net) and Executive Director Stanley Green (StanleyG@MMNWorld.net).

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