

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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.

Opening - Yesu Azali Awa (Jesus is Here) Congolese Hymn

Call to Worship No. 663 (*in unison*)

* Hymn 86 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Offering to God Western District Conference

* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: open your words to us and give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

New Testament Reading No. 860 (*in unison*) Revelation 21:1-4

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

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music – "There's No Land in Sight" by Doug Krehbiel

Children's Story

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Sermon "Looking Ahead"

* Hymn 638 "God is Working His Purpose Out"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer
Hymn 348 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Closing – "In my Life" by Lennon and McCartney
"If we Never Meet Again" by Albert E Grumley

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens Worship Leader: Russell Janzen
Song Leader: Gladys Reimer Keyboard: Ellen Mosiman
Special Music: Joshua Powell Children's Story: Travis Harms
Scripture Reader: Marianne Eichelberger Audio: K John Klaassen
Bulletin: Debbie Claassen Nursery: Debbie Claassen z`and Carine Claassen
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!**

Adult Sunday School Elective - "Journeys of Paul through Greece & Rome" Weldon will be sharing during the Sunday School Hour in the sanctuary. This will be his final presentation.

Summer Sunday School Since the adults have been meeting as a group this spring, we will meet in our regular classes, including the current intergenerational class, this summer - with the exception of July. We will not have any Sunday School classes during the month of July. The junior department will meet as a group during the months of June and August. Cal Frye and Rob Schunn will continue leading the intergenerational class. If there are questions related to the current plan or there are volunteers to relieve teachers please feel free to contact Cal Frye or other members of the Education Council.

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom in continuing development of the bi-conference Youth Ministry Network of South Central and Western District conferences in Kansas.

Mennonite Mission Network: Margrit Kipfer Barron of MMN has a fruitful ministry among children and young adults in Bolivia. Pray for her as she searches for openings to share the good news of Jesus' love with their mothers through monthly meetings that include a meal, meditation, and crafts. May these women become committed Christians.

Church Events

Today at noon Youth group will eat lunch at La Fiesta in Newton.

This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Bridal Shower for Emily Toews in the fellowship hall. Come help us “shower” her with blessings. If you have questions talk to Tammy Regehr.

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Council meets.

Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. The senior members of Grace Hill (65+) will be joining for coffee/breakfast in the back room of The Breadbasket in Newton on Wednesday May 1 at 8:00 a.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Next Sunday High School Graduation Sunday – reception during the S.S. hour.

May 19 Farewell Reception for Pastor Weldon during the Sunday School hour – there will be no S.S. classes.

May 26 Welcome Back Sunday for Pastors Peter and Katherine – there will be a carry-in meal at noon.

Announcements

Hands of Friendship is giving you an opportunity to contribute to the Wheat State Manor Auxiliary through an offering that will be taken today during the Sunday School Hour. The auxiliary purchases items that are beneficial to the residents of the Manor. Make checks payable to Hands of Friendship.

The Wheat State Manor Vesper Service schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign your S.S. class up for one of the Grace Hill Sundays – May 19, July 28, or October 6. See Lynn Voth if you have questions.

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: Debbie Claassen and Carine Claassen

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Ushers Next Sunday: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Bethel College \$1,737.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

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

Interim Pastor: Weldon

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary’s E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Et Cetera

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Central Community Church, 6100 W Maple St, Wichita, this evening at 7 p.m.

The Bethel College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Timothy Shade, will present a concert this evening at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus. Composer, Thomas Sleeper, will conduct a number which he composed which will feature Timothy Shade on euphonium. Also participating in this concert are guest composer Steve Danyew and guest film maker Cuyler Bryant. All are welcome! Admission is \$10.

Sound like a rooster crowing? We don't care - all God's critters got a place in the choir! Join us for the Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing on May 5 at 7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church (2100 N Anderson, Newton). It'll be fun times even if you come just for the popcorn and generic pop. Funds raised will go to the new bathhouses. Questions? Call 620-297-3290. Olivia may not know the answer, but she'll find out for you.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale annual meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate our gift of service through the Relief Sale. The meal is \$12 a plate. Please let John & Miriam Claassen or Ed & Marge Harms know by May 5 if you wish to attend. ***Mennonite Relief Sale proceeds were about \$469,000.***

Join in the 7th Annual Kansas MCC Ride for Relief on Sunday, May 5! The motorcycle ride will leave from Faith Mennonite Church in South Hutchinson at 8 a.m. The group will worship at Buhler Mennonite Church at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served afterwards by donation. Riders from the North Newton area will leave the MCC Center in North Newton at 7:10 a.m. The fee is \$25 per motorcycle, RSVP to Daryl Regier (620-345-8531) by May 1, all donations go to MCC, no rain date, drive in four wheels in case of inclement weather.

Considering service? Get your feet wet this summer, with Youth Venture: a 2-3 week, service and learning experience for 14-20 year olds! Serve in Alaska, Florida or Texas. Apply by June 1. More info and applications can be found at: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>.

The latest issue of *On the Way*, Mennonite Church USA's free, bilingual online newsletter, is available at www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way. In this issue, you'll find **Phoenix 2013 convention highlights**—public witness, worship speakers, delegate information and more. We're excited and hope to see you in Phoenix July 1–6! This issue concludes our first volume of *On the Way*. Stay tuned post-convention for updates on the future of *On the Way*. (You can subscribe to receive the newsletter directly at <http://eepurl.com/i8oX9>.)

Get Excited: Convention is coming - Convention is only two months away, and we hope you are getting excited. Did you know we have a whole host of special events you can sign up for? From servant projects throughout the city to cross-border trips to a prayer walk through downtown Phoenix and even an evening outing to Wet N' Wild Water Park, our time together will be anything but boring. It's not too late to register. Visit www.MennoniteUSA.org/Convention for more info.