

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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 No. 824 (*in unison*)

Psalms 145:13b-21

* Hymn 59

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"

Offering to God

Mennonite Church USA

* Doxology – No. 119 (*vs. 1*)

Words to the Graduates

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

God of glory, who is the end of our searching, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the faith that is beyond price, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God

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

Sermon

"Run With Perseverance"

* Hymn 575

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer
Hymn 348

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Benediction

Postlude

* *All who are able may stand*

Preacher: Weldon Martens

Worship Leader: Kylee Schunn

Song Leader: Penny Hiebert

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Scripture Reader: Tara Harms- Becker

Bulletin: Debbie Claassen

Nursery: Kris Goossen & Renata Goossen

Ushers: Terry Klassen and Dean Patterson

Audio: Brett Harms

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

Following the worship service there will be a reception for the high school graduates in the fellowship hall, refreshments will be served. There will be no Sunday School classes today (adult as well as children) so that everyone may celebrate with our graduates.

Grace Hill High School Graduates

Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Paul Janzen,
Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier – Remington High School

Grace Hill Junior High Graduates

Carson Dove – Valley Center Middle School
Renata Goossen – Berean Junior High

Grace Hill College Graduates

Amanda Regehr – Bethel College
Hannah Klaassen –

Chicago Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and
The University of Chicago with a Masters in Social Work

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Thank God for Ryan Koch's ordination at Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX, on Sunday, April 21. Pray for God's guidance as the church seeks new arrangements for meeting facilities.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the ministry of the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador as they reach out to refugees and others in need. Pray for health and wisdom for the pastors, Cesar Moya and Patricia Uruena, as they teach and provide leadership. They are supported by MMN, Central Plains Mennonite Conference, and the Mennonite Church in Colombia.

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.

CHURCH OFFICES

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

Interim Pastor: Weldon Martens

Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

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

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Grace Hill softball game at Athletic Park, Kelsch Field.

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

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

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.

June 10-14 Vacation Bible School at Remington Middle School. The Community VBS this year is SonRock Kids Camp, an adventure camp like no other! As SonRock campers, your children will learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them. Songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks - all make VBS a can't miss experience. To register go to www.communityvbs.eventbrite.com.

Announcements

The Wheat State Manor Auxiliary offering taken last Sunday during Sunday School was \$272.00. Thank you for your gifts.

The Harvey County Food Pantry is in need of items throughout the year. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

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: Kris Goossen and Renata Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Lisa Harms and Melinda Regehr

Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Russell Janzen

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,612.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Et Cetera

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 this evening 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.

Upcoming concerts at Bethel College - Saturday, May 11 – Woven home concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall; Sunday, May 12 – Open Road home concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

Hungry Things! Camp Mennoscah has 8 hungry summer staffers arriving for orientation on June 3. We're wondering if anyone would like to offer the gift of a meal for our orientation week. This would allow the summer staffers and Olivia more time to focus on the different training sessions (and give them a bit of a respite). We're not looking for a 7 course meal with fancy garnishes - just a simple, healthy-ish meal. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to become one of our orientation "chefs."

Service opportunity: Looking for a fun way to serve your home community? Newton Et Cetera Shop needs volunteer clerks! Volunteer weekly or monthly, in a time slot that works for you - morning, afternoon, or evening. Teens over 16 and young adults are welcome. Mentor pairs: clerking is a great way to serve together! If you can help, call 283-9461 or email newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you to a Learning Tour to Haiti November 2-12, 2013. This 10-day tour will give you a first-hand look at the problems Haiti is still facing in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, Hurricane Sandy, and other social-economical issues. If you are interested in being an active participant, dedicated to learning and being transformed through interactions with Haitians, then this is the learning tour for you. Space is very limited. Please respond to Anna Yoder by Monday June 3 at annayoder@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

Grace Hill Summer Softball Schedule

May 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Athletic Park, Kelsch Field

May 19 at 4:00 p.m. at Washington Road Ballfield

June 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Athletic Park, Kelsch Field

June 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Washington Road Ballfield

June 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Athletic Park, Kelsch Field

June 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Washington Road Ballfield

June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Athletic Park, Kelsch Field