



Palm Sunday

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

March 24, 2024

Worship – 9:30am
Sunday School – 10:45am

Prelude

GATHERING

Mark 11:1-11 Seren Harms & Hadynn Lanzrath
“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” Ensemble

Children’s Processional

Praise from the Congregation (in Unison)

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!
Blessed the coming kingdom of God in Jesus Christ!
Hosanna in highest heaven!
Hosanna!

* *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* HWB 237

- Greetings & Announcements -

REPENTENCE

Children’s Story Valerie Klaassen

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal God: In Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed you as King, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that we may live for your

justice and salvation, and tell of your loving-kindness; hosanna to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Humble King Jesus, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: as we hear your Word proclaimed today, grant us the faith to know you and love you, so that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

“Longing For Light” Ensemble

* Gospel Reading Mark 14:1-3; 15:16-24a

Sermon *“Acts of Discipleship: Pouring Perfume & Carrying the Cross”*

RESPONSE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” HWB 238

Congregational Sharing and Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

Offering Western District Conference

Offertory
* *Doxology* HWB 119

SENDING FORTH

* Sending Song *“I Bind My Heart This Tide”* (vs. 1) HWB 411



The Hour of Darkness - Luke 22:52-53

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

*Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Josh Patterson
Piano: Ellen Youngman Song Leader: Penny Hiebert
Usher: Curt Regehr*

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for God's presence, joy and wisdom to be with the WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a staff retreat.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

Church Events

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Service at Zion Mennonite

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Council meets.

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Grace Hill

Saturday Everyone is welcome to a craft day for making items for the MCC Sale at Nancy Kaufman's home, March 30 from 9-2 (or so). Lunch and supplies will be provided. Please let Nancy or Valerie know if you plan to come.

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Voluntary Service

Church Offices

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday – Afternoon, Friday – day off

Pastor: *Weldon Martens*

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Church Secretary: *Debbie Claassen*

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

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Announcements

There will be no Sunday School classes next Sunday.

MCC partner Team Brownsville welcomes your gently used winter coats and jackets! Team Brownsville seeks to share God's love by welcoming asylum seekers, including providing them with warm coats. Missions Council is collecting coats for this project. Please leave donated coats/jackets on the table in the foyer by March 31.

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 13. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 10. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 12-13 in Hutchinson.

Verenike Making day is April 6 at Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro. Sign up to volunteer on the Sign-Up Genius. **Bakers - Pie tins and zwieback bags** are available on the table in the foyer. Be creative in your pie flavors, unique flavors are always needed. Bake sale items are also needed – peppernuts, cinnamon rolls, poppyseed roll, mini pies all sell well. **MCC Sale Children's Auction** - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with a youth to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to those listed below for delivery to sale. **Check the website to see items that will be selling** – an almost new lawn mower, camper, tractors, pickup, jet ski, and more. And of course, the quilts - pictures are posted online.

Please consider volunteering – there are many different areas to help, pick what interests you! To volunteer, go the website and click on the volunteer tab to see all the options. Sharon Schmidt will also need workers for the cherry moos booth, see Sharon to volunteer.

For more information about the sale, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org. If you have questions, talk to Mike, Kathy, Kim, Debbie or K. John.

Et Cetera

“A Goodly Heritage; a musical drama depicting the history of the Swiss Volhynians” will be performed on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. One of the many groups of Mennonites moving to the United States in the 1870’s, the drama seeks to explain the religious beliefs underlying the Anabaptist movement and the journey over centuries that brought this group to America. The cast is made up of Schweitzers and friends from McPherson County and surrounding areas. Admission is free.

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum will hold the Heritage Dinner, April 5, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church, after which Mayleen Thiesen Vinson will share an entertaining and insightful portrayal of Fru Schmidt's dilemma—what to pack for her family? Each adult ticket-holder was allowed to pack 27 cubic feet of baggage and freight. Consider that the Schmidts have ten children! Would you have packed a waffle iron, an anvil, or corncobs? Come find out! Tickets are on sale now! Contact the museum by April 1 (620-367-8200 or email goesselmuseum@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets for the Low German sausage meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Prices are \$75 per person, ages 12 and under are \$15, and first-time attenders are \$40.

You are invited to the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for New Hope Shelter, 308 S. Meridian, Newton, on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us in our new home that will continue to serve those in need for many years to come. Please park in the lots north of the property and bring lawn chairs. Following some brief remarks, tours will be given and light refreshments will be served. We are excited to say that we are settling in and ready to celebrate what God has done!

Women & Girls Save the Date! Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

Western District Conference invites you to visit their website at <https://mennowdc.org/> to read the latest news, stories and announcements.

All interested singers are invited to participate in Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert on April 28, featuring Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Scores are available now and **rehearsals begin Tuesday, April 2**. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Auu4FaYBcaLwKDuF6> so that your contact information is available for digital rehearsal materials, etc., or come to the first rehearsal April 2, 6 p.m., Choir Room in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316-283-2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps! The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. The Better Registration Discount ends on April 1st. [Register online!](#)

More Camp Mennoscah volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project! Many volunteers are still needed for the Retreat Center project, but volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!

WDC Annual Assembly will be August 2-4, 2024, at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. The due date for resolutions to be submitted for the delegate session of the 2024 WDC Annual Assembly is **April 5**. Per the WDC Policy Manual, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual Assembly. The resolution policy can be viewed [here](#). Resolutions can be sent to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117 or emailed to wdc@mennowdc.org

The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>