



# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 28, 2024

## Grace Hill Mennonite Church Worship Service

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Gathering: Psalm 96:1-3, 9-13 HWB 820

\* *"Praise Him, Praise Him!"* HWB 100

Offerings & Prayer Western District Conference

Offertory  
*"Doxology"* HWB 119

Sharing & Prayer + Lord's Prayer  
*"Spirit of the Living God"* - HWB 349

*"Thou True Vine, That Heals"* HWB 373

\* Scripture Reading John 15:1-8

Special Music *"You Are My All in All"*

Sermon *"Faith is in the Following"*

\* Hymn *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' no one join me, still I will follow (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the Cross before me (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back.

\* Benediction

\* *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* (2x) HWB 427

Postlude

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Lon Hiebert*  
*Piano: Ellen Youngman Song Leader: Penny Hiebert*  
*Flute: Samantha Claassen Usher: Curt Regehr*

### For Sharing and Prayer

**Western District Conference:** We welcome the season of Spring this month. It is a time of planting seeds, the leaves and perennials returning, new birth, and the fresh restoring rains. Please pray with us for our church plant pastors and leaders. We ask for them to be filled with the joy, love and energy for their work. We ask for showers of blessings. -WDC Church Planting Commission

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jonah and Memee Yang, who minister in Thailand from a base in Minnesota. Pray for them as they travel to Thailand twice per year to teach Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program (Jonah) and through Mennonite Women's Sister Care seminars (Memee).

## **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Leadership Council meets.

**June 2-6** Vacation Bible School at Zion

**Offering Next Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA

## **Church Offices**

Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday – Afternoon, Friday – day off

***Pastor: Weldon Martens***

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## Et Cetera

**Masterworks concert at Bethel College**, April 28 at 4 p.m., featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, with Dr. Henry S. Waters conducting, Memorial Hall.

**Come join us for "A Century of Mennonite Quilts"** at the Wellness Center at Pine Village by Moundridge on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 to 4:00 and Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 for a display of 110 years of Mennonite art expressed through fabric. We will have quilts representing all the decades from the 1920's to the 2020's, and most of the reasons, methods, and sources of materials. This is one of the events celebrating 150 years since our ancestors came to the US from the Ukraine in 1874. All are welcome to appreciate the beauty and talent of many resourceful people who used fabric they had or created new designs. Donna Zerger and her Quilt Committee are bringing over 50 quilts to show you.

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Stan Senner of the National Audubon Society**, May 5 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium

**Woven and Open Road joint concert**, May 5 at 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

**Living with Loss support group** will be offered May 7<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup> at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. The support group is open to all who have experienced the death of a loved one, divorce, unemployment or any other life experience that has created grief. Living with Loss support group is co-facilitated by Elizabeth Schmidt, Pastor for Congregational Care at Bethel College Mennonite Church, and Dr. Gary Blaine, a retired chaplain and certified in grief counseling and grief group facilitation, as well as palliative care and hospice care. The meetings will last six weeks, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The support group is open to anyone and requires a minimum of six participants for the group to form. The cost is \$10.00 per week. The group will gather for six weeks. The group will be closed to new participants after the second session. To register, please call Pastor Schmidt at (316) 283-3667 or Dr. Blaine at (316) 239-5474.

## Camp Mennoscah

**Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment.** The endowment was generously gifted to Camp Mennoscah to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority. Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for the application form.

**Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps!** Send a child, grandchild or invite a friend to come to a week of fun-filled faith in the midst of creation. The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. [Register online!](#)

**Learn to make--and get to eat--verenike casserole, bierocks, and Sunday Sandwiches!** Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees. No great skill is needed. The head cook will direct you in what needs to be done to make yummy meals for campers and staff. Kitchen staff are needed for PreJunior 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, and Senior High Camps! Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290.

**Nurses needed for the weeks of Junior High 2 (July 7-12) and Junior 2 (July 14-19).** Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

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

**The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board**, meeting via Zoom on March 15-16, 2024, affirmed a clean audit and a new strategic plan that seeks to reimagine church in new ways. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-plan](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-plan)