

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

March 30, 2025

Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am

Fourth Sunday in Lent “Christ Collides”

GATHERING

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Call To Worship

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness.

Many: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

One: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

Many: Help us center on you!

All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day, our living God.

*Hymn *God, whose giving* HWB 383

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Story Lisa Harms

Special Music *Nearer, Still Nearer with Arioso* arr. by Linda McKechnie
Marcene Entz and Penny Hiebert

Scripture Luke 16: 19-31

Sermon “Look for the open window”

Confession and Words of Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words and actions.

Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: We cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

One: Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God’s image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn of Response *Brothers and sisters of mine* HWB 142

RESPONDING

Offering and Offertory Mennonite Voluntary Service

Offertory

* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Take my life* HWB 389 verse 2

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

*Guest Pastor: Karen Andres Worship Leader: Deb Regier
Scripture Reader: Max Taylor Keyboard: Marcene Entz
Usher: Mike Balzer*

For Sharing and Prayer

Dear Grace Hill,

Thank you for sharing your warm, welcoming church with our family for Mom’s service. Our family is so grateful to the fellowship you helped create.
Best, Lainie Harber (for the Pam Harber family)

Western District Conference: Please pray for strength, hope and courage for our church planters as they work to build the church community. Pray that God may help us, as the Church Planting Commission, to know the best ways to support them. - WDC Church Planting Commission

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, Zing Bawi Ken, Schyler Entz, Hannah Lehman and Patrick Webb, participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Tucson (Arizona) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit, have been immersed in studying vocational discernment. Pray that this time of reflection will provide tools and insights, as they begin to plan for life after a year of service.

Karen Andres will be available to the congregation for critical pastoral care and funeral needs in the short term. Please contact Care Council Chair Doug Claassen with any care needs during this time of transition for our congregation. Doug's number is 316-204-3220.

Karen Andres will be filling the pulpit through Easter Sunday, April 20.

Church Events

Today at noon Lunch and "Trivia with a Twist". The Social Committee will provide the lunch. Come and enjoy!

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Council meets

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Easter Choir practice. Upcoming practices: All Wednesdays until Easter at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Missions Council meets

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Council meets at 1887 Café.

Easter Sunday, April 20 6:45am Easter Sunrise Service; breakfast, activity and Easter Egg hunt to follow.

A bucket offering for My Coins Count will be taken next Sunday for the Mennonite Relief Sale, which is **April 11-12** in Hutchinson. Save up your coins and bring them to church to place in the offering to support Mennonite Central Committee and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! This is the last offering before the sale, the bucket is available anytime on the table in the foyer.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is April 11-12 in Hutchinson.

Cherry Moos making day is Thursday, April 10 from 8am-noon at Grace Hill; Grace Hill Pie/Ice Cream/Cherry Moos Booth needs volunteers for Friday, April 11 & Saturday, April 12. See sign-up sheets for both of these on the table in the foyer. Talk to Sharon Schmidt if you have questions.

Verenike Making day is April 5 at Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro. Sign up to volunteer on the Sign-Up Genius. The plan is to make 17,000 verenike in 6 hours! Come be part of the fun!

Bohne berrogie bake day is April 5 at Moundridge High School. Volunteers are needed in the morning for two-hour shift. There is a sign up on the MCC website or you can contact Marla Gillmore at 620-921-0428. Bohne Berrogie will be sold from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. that day. **Plants & Things** needs plants, bulbs, etc. **Attention bakers:** pie tins and zwiebach bags are available on the table in the foyer. More pies are needed this year. **The Sale bills** are printed, see the table in the foyer. **Items are needed to sell at the sale.** Need good to excellent quality items: cars, collectibles, sports memorabilia, experiences, farm equipment, golf carts, power tools, mowers, new furniture.

Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church 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. If you wish to volunteer for the auction by clerking or helping in other ways, please contact Brad Kohlman bkohlman32@gmail.com

For more information about the sale, go to www.kansas.mccsale.org. Also check out the Facebook page Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. To volunteer, go the website and click on the volunteer tab to see all the options! Pick your choice slot now! **Or see the flyer on the bulletin board, scan the QR code for an easy sign-up.** If you have questions, talk to Mike, Kathy, Kim, Debbie or K. John.

Debbie Claassen is planning to participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 5K Run on April 12. If you would like to sponsor her and help raise money for Mennonite Central Committee, please give donations to her by April 9. Checks should be made to KMRS and labeled "Run for Relief" on the memo.

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

Et Cetera

Michelle Armster and Heidi Regier Kreider, "The Impact of Immigration on Mennonite Churches Today," March 30 at 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. This Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program is in connection to the current special exhibit, "Unlocking the Past: Immigrant Artifacts and the Stories They Tell." Armster is director of MCC Central States and Regier Kreider is conference minister for Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Senior recital by Bethel College student Peter Buller, oboe and piano, April 4 at 7 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.

[Registration for Men & Boys Retreat, April 4-6, is now available online!](#) Log in using your Camp Mennoscah account or create one, then scroll down to Start a New Registration. Click Men & Boys Retreat. Registration will also be available upon arrival.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts: April 6 at 4:00pm at Tabor College, Hillsboro; April 13 at 4:00pm at Bethel College, North Newton. Open Road and Woven will be joining the choir at Bethel College. The concerts are free with an offering benefiting the global mission support work of Mennonite Central Committee.

Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) invites women and girls to their annual potluck salad supper on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church. Our theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth." After the potluck and a meditation on God's creation, Rebecca Schrag will lead a floral design workshop with flowers provided by Firebranch Farm and other sources. Each participant will make a small bouquet to take home. RSVP appreciated and required by April 15 at our website link: <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1> Please bring: a salad to share (table service will be provided); a small vessel to make a bouquet (a tea cup is ideal); several flowers from your garden if you have them to share; a kitchen or garden shear if you have one. An offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Questions: Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

Register now for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Event! Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on Saturday, May 3, from 11am-3pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton, (in-person or virtually). Click [here to register](#). In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children).

Daily, hundreds of customers seek goods and services provided by the Newton Et Cetera Shop. Whether it's to find a much-needed item, collectibles to add to their collections, or just a safe place to socialize with staff, volunteers, or other customers, the Newton Et Cetera Shop is a vital part of our community. All of this is to fulfill our vision: *To share God's love and compassion with all creation – within our thrift shop, and in our local and global community.* As we work as an organization to increase our impact on both our local and global communities, we daily need the assistance of numerous volunteers to make this a reality. With only 10 paid staff members, much of the work is done by volunteers who graciously offer their time and skills. This is why we need you! With each new volunteer, we increase our capacity to assist with the needs of our local community. Please consider becoming a volunteer and joining our team at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! For the qualification and more information, call 316-283-9461 or go to www.newtonetceterashop.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to MDS Region 3 and Units within the region. Responsibilities include providing administrative support for the units, the Regional Board Chair (RBC) and Regional Operations Coordinator, including travel, budgets, coordinating and scheduling calls and meetings. Assist the RBC in planning, preparation, agenda setting, board meetings coordination and more. This is a regional remote position and requires the successful candidate to reside in MDS Region 3 (Plains States), (Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming). The complete job description and application are available on our website at mds.org.

Letter of Support for Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS - the WDC Executive Committee and conference ministers issued a public statement in support of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS and to protest the firings of faculty and staff on February 14 by the federal government. Haskell Indian Nations University provides educational opportunities for students from Tribal Nations and serves as a cultural center for Indigenous people from across the country.

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

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