

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

April 13, 2025

Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am

Palm Sunday “Christ Collides”

GATHERING

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Call To Worship

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: “Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!

*Hymn *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB 238

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Story Valerie Klaassen

Special Music *As the Deer* Samantha Graber & Ellen Youngman

Scripture Luke 19: 29-44

Sermon “Power from the bottom up”

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 our expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations 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 *Ride on, ride on in majesty* HWB 239

RESPONDING

Offering and Offertory Local Church Missions

Offertory *Lamb of God*

* *Doxology* HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Take my life* HWB 389 verse 6

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Guest Pastor: Karen Andres Worship Leader: Nancy Kaufman

Scripture Reader: Sharon Schmidt Keyboard: Ellen Youngman

Flute: Samantha Graber Usher: Doug Hiebert

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a retreat for fellowship, planning, prayer and discernment together.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for those participating in a 12-day Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to Calais, France, where they are visiting organizations that work with migrants who are trying to cross the English Channel. Pray for the participants as they get first-hand experience with Mission Network partner ministries at Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, and Peaceful Borders, in the United Kingdom.

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

This evening at 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday joint service with Grace Hill and Zion at Zion Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. Weldon Schlonger will present "A Celebration of Water." The presentation will include scriptures, quotations, and Handel's Water Music. The photos (in the video) are his own on-site photography. An offering plate will be available for gifts to the MCC Water project.

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

Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Grace Hill. It will be a Tenebrae service with scripture, song and communion.

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 20 6:45am Easter Sunrise Service; breakfast, activity and Easter Egg hunt to follow. Kids – please bring your own basket for the Easter Egg hunt. During worship at 9:30am, the choir will present an Easter Cantata. There will be no Sunday School classes.

April 27 Holy Humor Sunday – come enjoy skits, jokes and fun songs. Join the celebration by wearing colorful outfits, funky hats, glasses, scarfs, etc. (normal is okay, too!) Bring clean (pulpit ok) jokes to share. Holy Humor Sunday is dated back to the 15th century. It is usually on the Sunday after Easter to extend the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. God has played a joke on Satan by raising Christ from the dead and we will REJOICE!

Mark your calendars! WAVES OF WONDER, a VBS experience, will take place at Grace Hill Mennonite Church on June 2-5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for all PreK 3-year-olds to 6th graders. Additional information and registration coming soon. We are still looking for several volunteers for VBS on June 2 - 5. Please contact Deb Regier to volunteer or if you have any questions.

My Coins Count Offering: \$150.44

Offering Next Sunday: Bethel College

Et Cetera

John Thiesen, "Re-membering the 1870s Migration," April 13 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 & the Stories They Tell." Thiesen is co-director of libraries and archivist at the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College.

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

The annual meeting of the Community Playschool Corporation will be held on Monday, April 14 at 7:15 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Interested members of the congregations supporting Community Playschool are invited to attend. Entrance to the building will be at the south side of the church and then make your way to the lower level of the church by stairs or elevator.

Public Witness: Saturday, April 26, 11:30 am the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force with [Mennonite Action](#) are hosting a "God's Love Knows No Borders" gathering at the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N Main St, Newton. Please join us at 10:30 am at Military Park, 200 E Broadway, if at all possible, to prepare for the event. For more information, please email robertleeatchison@gmail.com

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.

MCC Great Winter Warmup surpasses goal! Thank you for helping MCC surpass the Great Winter Warmup goal of 7,000 comforters during the months of January, February and March. During this 3-month campaign **MCC received 12,875 comforters!** Thank you to each person who tied knots this winter to share warmth, comfort, and love around the world!

Youth ages 12 to 17 are invited to become a Junior Volunteer at Schowalter Villa (Hesston) or Kidron Bethel Village (North Newton) for the summer. The Bluestem Communities Junior Volunteer program runs from June 2 to July 25. Participants will interact with residents in a variety of ways, including activities, games, exercise, conversation and more. It's a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational connections and to enrich the lives of all involved! Applications are required and must be submitted by May 9. For an application or questions, contact Bluestem Communities Volunteer Coordinator Sheri Esau at SheriE@bluestemks.org.

Position Opening - Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a **Regional Director for Latin America** - Available for hybrid, in-office (Newton, KS or Elkhart, IN), or remote! The Regional Director for Latin America leads Mennonite Mission Network's work in the region by overseeing partnerships, mission strategies, and international service workers. This role strengthens connections between Mennonite Church USA and Latin American partners while fostering cross-cultural collaboration and guiding anti-racism efforts. Spanish proficiency, experience in Latin American mission work, and frequent international travel are required. If further interested or to apply, you may visit us at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/employment/>

Mennonite Central Committee grateful for shipments of Material Resources in 2024 – MCC, despite the bridge collapse in Baltimore, weather-related and other unexplained delays, strikes and piles of required paperwork, shipped 48 containers to MCC partners in 9 countries and Puerto Rico. Five were shipped from Canada, 42 from the U.S. and one from Europe. Items shipped included canned meat, comforters, soap and school, relief, hygiene, sewing, infant care and dignity kits. These shipments are a result of the thousands of MCC supporters, donors, and volunteers. Thanks be to God!

Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

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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