



Grace Hill Mennonite Church

April 20, 2025

Worship – 9:30am

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord

GATHERING

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* by Carl Boberg, arr. by Dan Musselman

Greetings & Announcements

* Hymn *Low in the grave he lay* HWB 273

*Call To Worship

One: The stone is rolled away!

Many: Why look for the living among the dead?

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe!

Many: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn *Christ the Lord is risen today* HWB 280

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story Nancy Kaufman

Scripture Luke 24: 1-12

The Easter Story

By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Narrators: Lonnie Hiebert & Karen Andres

Sing of Christ, Proclaim His Glory

Ride on, King Jesus!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

What a Savior!

Dimensions of Love

My Redeemer, Lives – Glory, Hallelujah!

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 linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death and resurrection 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 *Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing!* HWB 278

RESPONDING

Offering and Offertory	Bethel College
Offertory <i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	
by George Bennard, arr. by Dan Musselman	
* <i>Doxology</i>	HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Lift your glad voices* HWB 275

*Benediction

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
by Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring, arr. by Dan Musselman

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Guest Pastor/Worship Leader: Karen Andres
 Scripture Reader: Deb Regier Keyboard: Ellen Youngman
 Choir Director: Marcene Entz Song Leader: Penny Hiebert
 Usher: Kendall Claassen

For Sharing and Prayer

Carol Claassen passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025. The memorial service will be Tuesday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Hill. Visitation will be at Lamb Funeral Home in Whitewater on Monday, April 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Old Emmaus Cemetery on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. God's care to the family at this time.

The preliminary total for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is \$666,176.06. A big thank you to all those who had a part in the sale. The volunteers who helped, those who baked items, donated items, ran the distance, attended, put coins in the can, ate food, bought items, and prayed for safety and a successful sale for those in need.

Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations, as they embody the presence of the risen Christ, and live out resurrection hope through ministries of compassion, peacemaking, and justice.

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

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.

Church Events

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Care Council meets.

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!

Cleo Koop will be preaching on May 4. He will also be presenting during Sunday School. His presentation will include a simulation of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) decision making. We encourage everyone to stay for Sunday School on May 4 to hear more about the important work of MDS!

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 current 6th graders. On Sunday, June 8, we will worship together with Zion at King Park in Hesston, and our VBS students will share what they learned during the week. A potluck meal will follow the service. 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.

Offering Next Sunday: Western District Conference

Church Offices

Church Secretary: *Debbie Claassen*

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Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

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Et Cetera

Everence® April workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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. You can invite like minded, nonviolent friends and neighbors to join. Consider making a poster or two to bring. A United message gets our message across. We hope to see you on April 26. For more information, please email robertleeatchison@gmail.com.

Conversation on Immigration Concerns: Is your congregation seeking to learn more about current immigration issues, discern forms of action and advocacy, or offer solidarity and support for members of the immigrant community? **WDC will host a zoom gathering for pastors and interested church members on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30-8:30 pm to provide updates, information and resources, and an opportunity to connect with each other around these shared concerns.** Guest presenter Esmeralda Tovar-Mora, Executive Director of Hutch in Harmony and founding member of the Kansas Immigration Coalition, will join us to focus particularly on resources in the Kansas region. To receive the zoom link, please contact WDC at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 by noon on April 28.

For additional resources, also see the WDC website: <https://mennowdc.org/immigration-justice-resources/>; resources from Mennonite Church USA: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/immigration-resources-advocacy/>; and resources from Mennonite Central Committee: <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/support-immigrant-neighbors>

Peace Connections Donor Appreciation Come & Go Event will be Friday, May 2, 9:30-11:00am at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 177 W. Hickory, Hesston. Enjoy brunch and organizational updates throughout. Please join Peace Connections as we express our thanks and reveal the impact your contributions have made! RSVPs are encouraged, 316-284-0000 or info@peaceconnections.org.

Music and Quilt Auction at The Hub on May 2! Join Camp Mennoscah from 6-8:30pm for an evening of music, food and fellowship to benefit Camp Mennoscah. The Hub will donate 10% of all sales on May 2 to Camp Mennoscah. Musical groups include K81, Queen Jack Jericho, Brett and Caleb Klingenberg, and The Schrag Siblings. A Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt will also be sold through a silent auction. A picture of the quilt will soon be at www.campmennoscah.org Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for a bidding from a distance option. (The Hub, 100 S Christian, Moundridge, KS, <https://www.thehubbrickoven.com>)

Music and office summer staffers are needed at Camp Mennoscah! If you know of someone who you think might be great for these positions, please tap them on the shoulder. Olivia would love to talk to them, even if they are only available for part of the summer. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 316-293-7313 (call or text). Summer staffers must be 18 or older and are usually college or near-college age folks.

Volunteer with MCC Appalachia Build: We have had some spots open in our volunteer schedule for the summer. Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at mcc.org/appalachia-build.

Mennonite Disaster Service April edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, dedicating the Green Giant in North Carolina, meet a couple who is on their 60th MDS assignment, and read the latest on the MDS response to the spring ice storm in Ontario. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/42hzp80>

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.

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