

Grace Hill Mennonite Church

June 22, 2025

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 46)

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities
and violence continues around the world—
causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria,
Palestine, Iran, Ukraine and elsewhere,

God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *All creatures of our God and King*

HWB 48

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Nancy Kaufman

Special Music *Sonata* by Henri Eccles

Sophia Goerzen

Scripture Matthew 5: 38-48

Tim Harms

Sermon *The Good News of Peace*

Peter Goerzen

*Hymn of Response *For we are strangers no more*

HWB 322

RESPONDING

Offering

Western District Conference

Offertory

* *Doxology*

HWB 119

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Dona nobis pacem*

HWB 346

Morning Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn *Put peace into each other's hands* STJ 87, vs. 1, 2 & 5

*Benediction

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Guest Speaker: Peter Goerzen Worship Leader: Roberta Harms

Scripture Reader: Tim Harms

Keyboard: Ellen Youngman Usher: Curt Regehr

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for delegates, youth groups and other members of WDC who are preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention next month!

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Rev. Bercie Mundedi, director of the Kalonda Bible Institute, who is beginning a two-year study program that will allow her to complete her university degree. Pray for Rev. Mundedi's health and family during this time. Pray also for the Bible Institute as it continues to train Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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 & Announcements

Hank Unruh will be present for our service next Sunday. He will start his responsibilities as interim pastor on July 1. In order to welcome him and his wife, Erin, and to help them get to know us, Worship Council requests that everyone wear name tags starting next Sunday and throughout the month of July. We will have stick on name tags and markers available in the foyer for you all! Thanks!

Derryl Amstutz, biblical storyteller from Hillsboro, will be our speaker next Sunday.

Sunday, July 6 Interim Pastor Hank Unruh's first Sunday. To welcome him, we will have a carry-in meal at 11:30 a.m.

The 2025 Western District Annual Assembly will be August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church. Theme: *Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then and Now*. Please contact K. John, if you are willing to be a delegate.

Offering Next Sunday: Peace Connections

Et Cetera

Stay up to date on all things Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, by subscribing to the weekly convention newsletter! Subscribe here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader for June 22-26 and July 20-24. Nurses can receive a stipend or parent discount for a camper of up to full camp fees. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week. Have other skills? Camp has other needs, too--maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist.

Camp T-shirt comforter being raffled off (and another one sold)! Throughout the summer you can purchase raffle tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-affle> (1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20). Pictures of the quilt (front and back) are on the website: www.campmennoscah.org. The raffle ends after summer youth camps (August 3). If you want to be guaranteed you get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, raffle or not, one is also being sold for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Kidron Bethel Village will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza on Friday, July 4, at 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The evening includes fun for the whole family with games, giveaways, food and fireworks. Arrival may begin at 8 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream bars will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefitting the Health Care Benevolent Fund. Fireworks will begin at sundown, approximately 9:45 p.m.

The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, affiliated with Bethel College, is offering a 2-day training on "Managing Differences Within Faith Communities" on Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, 2025, at KIPCOR's training facility in North Newton. This course is designed for congregational leaders, pastors, and anyone who would like to explore ways to navigate differences as a faith community in a healthier way. This training is led by Robert Yutzy, KIPCOR Senior Associate for Congregational Ministries, and Keren Kandel, KIPCOR Executive Director. This course will help to better understand the dynamics when there is disagreement and gives opportunities to engage in practical tools that can transform conflict and difference into spiritual and community renewal. For more information and the cost of registration go to: ([FLYER](#))

WDC Annual Assembly – Registration is now open at <https://mennowdc.org/2025-wdc-annual-assembly-registration/> Please register soon. Join us at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS August 8-9, 2025. For more information visit our Assembly webpage: <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/>

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

Mennonite Disaster Service June edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares about the power of listening in disaster response, a children's choir lifts the spirits of hurricane survivors, and MDS responds to victims of Manitoba wildfires. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4jSUZ8x>

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Fall 2025 Workshops - Sept 20 in San Antonio, TX and Nov 15 in Wichita, KS. The Theme will be "Preparing the way for children in worship". Stay tuned for more details!

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