**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, Organist – Bev Hasan,

Worship Leader – James Allen

May 16, 2021

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us sing out loud to the Lord!

**Many: Let us raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come before him with thanks!

**Many: Let’s shout songs of joy to him! The Lord is a great God!**

One: Come, let us worship and bow down!

**Many: Let’s kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

Song – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee HWB #71 [powerpoint lyrics]

Scripture Reading – Luke 17:11-19

Children’s Time

Special Music – Jerry Voth Trombone solo from FMCC archives

Neighboring Moment – Lynette Allen

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon

Spiritual Refection – Blessed Assurance, HWB #332 [powerpoint lyrics]

*\*Those able are invited to bring forward their reflection card and place it in the soup bowl.*

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

Sending Song – As You Go Out from Here VT #841 [digital projection]

Benediction

Leader: God of Connection,

**All: Open our eyes to discover your treasures hidden among our neighbors. Open our ears to listen deeply to their stories. Open our hands to receive the giftedness they bring into our lives.**

Leader: God of Creativity,

**All: Stir our minds with curiosity about this wondrous world. Lead our feet forward, moving only at the speed of trust. Free our hearts to join the work you are already doing in our neighborhoods.**

Leader: God of Compassion,

**All: Plant the seeds of patience among us, as we learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. Plant the seeds of grace among us, so failure leads us to your love. Plant the seeds of community, that we would discover your kingdom among us. Amen.**

Pastor Laura Goerzen

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**Won’t You Be My Neighbor?**

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**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**May 16, 2021**

**Opportunities**

**Today:** 9:30 am Sunday School

 10:00 am First Perk

 10:30 Worship Service

**May 17:** Moundridge 8th Grade Graduation

**May 19:** Deacons, 7:00 pm

 Church Board, 8:00 pm

**May 20:** Work day at the cemetery

**May 23:** Baptism, Corbin Unruh

**May 20:** Work day at the cemetery, 9:00 am

**May 26:** Worship Team, 10:00 am

**May 30:** Outdoor Hymnal Dedication service, 10:30am

**June 6:** Consensus Building congregational meeting on same-sex marriage, 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

**July 11:** Laura’s last Sunday

**Sunday, May 23:** Organist – Roberta Gingerich, Worship Leader – John Goerzen, Special music – Russ Stucky

The rise of the 1% embodies a will to exclude, an urge to exterminate.  It’s inevitable consequences are ecocide and genocide.

                                                    - Vandana Shiva,*Oneness vs the 1%*, p30

**Announcements**

**Thank you** for the prayers, calls, cards, minimal allowed visits, flowers and love sent my way. I will be at Mercy at least until 5/19/21 depending on my progress. Doctors are all pleased with my progress but keep reminding me this was a BIG surgery, but, nothing too big for God to handle. Pam Frey

**Pam Frey** is also looking for dog care (60 pound lab/retriever) starting 5/16 for about 2 weeks. Yard must be fenced. She sleeps inside. Payment negotiable. “ I hate to board her for that long”.

**Cemetery work day,** will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 9:00 am. We will be filling in graves, trimming trees, and trimming around the grave stones. In case of rain, we will try for the work day on May 25. If you can not be there on 5/20 but still want to help, feel free to trim around the grave stones.

**New Hymnal Dedication - Invitation to Participate!** As worship team prepares to dedicate the new Voices Together hymnal, we'd like to invite members of the congregation to submit hymn requests to be sung on the dedication Sunday, May 30. Check out a Voices Together hymnal from church and select 1 old hymn (a repeat from the blue hymnal) and 1 new hymn (a song that is new to the purple hymnal). Send your selections to Lurline Wiens or Pastor Laura for inclusion in the dedication Sunday. We would like your song choices by Monday, May 16.

**Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School,** three nights: July 11-13 at West Zion!  We’re looking forward to getting VBS started again after a year off, and we need volunteers to make it happen.  Can you help?  VBS is a great time to reach out and connect kids to the love of Christ.  Contact Lory Fisher with questions or to volunteer! (620-794-6125; huffycross58@gmail.com)

**Get your MCC Relief Sale** gear online at <https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/> The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.

**There are openings for youth** at Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps!  Several of the camp weeks still have space for more campers.  Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org/) and find further information in the camp blog!.

**Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will be presenting outdoor music program at different churches. The announcement and schedule is on the South Bulletin Board. Be sure to check it out.

**TODAY (Sunday, May 16) – Bethel College celebrates its 128th commencement (4 p.m.)** with a Baccalaureate worship service this morning (10 a.m.), both in Thresher Stadium, with Memorial Hall as a rain back-up. Because of COVID-19 protocols, admission is by ticket only, with graduates receiving a certain number each. Please keep the Class of 2021 and their families in your prayers.

**Celebrating the Graduates from our Church Family**

**8th Grade, Middle School**

Jacob Goerzen, Hesston MS, son of John & Laura Goerzen Layton Wiens, Moundridge MS, grandson of Ferd & Lurline Wiens

**High School**

Corbin Unruh, Moundridge HS, son of Nicole Unruh Emily Bailey, Maize South HS, granddaughter of Russ & Sheryl Stucky Jacob C Goering, North Polk HS, grandson of Larry & Margaret Goering Anna Hershey Tieszen, Eastern Mennonite HS, granddaughter of Bob & Caryl Tieszen Gabe Klein, Ponca City HS, grandson of Dwight & Pat Goering Isabella Lundgren, Olatha East HS, granddaughter of Ferd & Lurline Wiens

**College**

Andrea Graber, Masters in Curriculum & Instruction, granddaughter of Tom & Diana Graber David Hiebert, KS University, grandson of Larry & Margaret Goering Raelyn Lorson, Residency as an ER Dr. in Salt Lake City, UT, granddaughter of Lefty & Marvella Ratzlaff Daniel Ratzlaff, Residency in Family Practice, in Seattle, WA, son of James & Karen Ratzlaff