**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

Pastor Laura Goerzen, Organist – Bev Hasan,

Worship Leader – Lurline Wiens

July 11, 2021

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Toworship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**Many: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

One: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**Many: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.**

***ALL: Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond***

*\*Song - “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing” VT #389*

Scripture Reading - Luke 10:17-24 Rita Stucky

Children’s Story

Special Music - *“I Love You Lord”* Jerry Voth

**Receiving God’s Word**

Sermon Seeing Anew Laura Goerzen

Hymn of Response - “When We Walk with the Lord” VT #570

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Farewell to John and Laura Pat Krehbiel

Litany of Release and Thanksgiving Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Sending Song - “Praise God” VT #70*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

\**Those who are able are invited to stand*

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**Portraits of Faith:**

**Laura’s concluding exhortations**

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**Moundridge, KS**

**A welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

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**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](mailto:huffycross58@gmail.com))

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Please consider teaching Sunday School for the fall quarter – elementary, high school and adult. There is a sign-up sheet on the South bulletin board. If there are no volunteers, Rita Stucky will be contacting you.

**New in the Library:**

*The Book of Awakening* by Mark Nepo

*The Cure for Sorrow* by Jan Richardson

*Sparrow* by Jan Richardson

*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

**Western District Annual Assembly**

The **WDC Annual Assembly**will be held **July 30-August 1**. This will be a "hybrid" event - some parts will be only virtual, other parts will be only on-site, and much of it will be hybrid with people on-site and virtual sharing together.  The on-site parts will be held at **Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 North Anderson, Newton, KS**.

The Assembly theme will be **"Woven Into God's Story"** using Scripture themes from **Colossians 2:2-7**.   **Michele Hershberger**, Bible and Ministry Professor, Hesston College, will be our keynote speaker and storyteller.  We look forward to other storytellers throughout the weekend, as well. For **more information and online registration**, go to:  <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

**Rather than selecting a Saturday for church clean up**, we were trying a signup method.  Sign up for a project that you’d want to do and then coordinate times with the others.  You can choose your day and time.  See the south bulletin board for a signup sheet.

**Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah** on July 17-18!  If you are looking for a weekend to escape, Family Weekend offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to roam the river and be with your family and friends.  Register at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org/) and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

**Bethel College announcement:** The 2021 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College’s annual online journal, is now live at[**ml.bethelks.edu**](http://ml.bethelks.edu/), with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, Nate Kroeker, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Bethany Powls, Rich Preheim, Darrin Snyder-Belousek, Tara Schwartz, Anne Marie Stoner-Eby and Melanie Zuercher.

**Opportunities**

**Today:** 10:30 Worship Service

**July 11:** Laura’s last Sunday

**July 15:** Laura’s last day in the office

**Sunday, July 18:** Pianist – Delonna Barnett, Worship Leader – James Allen, Special music – Gin Niehage, Speaker – Peter Goerzen

 If it’s both true and painful, say it softly.

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