**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Pastor Peter Emery**

**Pianist – Delonna Barnett, Worship Leader – Lurline**

**July 23, 2023**

**Gathering and Praising**

Prelude

Welcome

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of our generous God who has led

us through another week.

**People: We bring our time and talents, our hopes and our**

**energy into worship this morning.**

Leader: We have all we need for today.

**People: We are ready to be awakened to the needs around us.**

Leader: We anticipate God’s guidance.

**People: Expecting to be changed.**

Leader: Show us, Holy Spirit, where one word, one meal, one gift,

given in your name, can make a difference.

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**energy into worship this morning**.

*\*Hymn –“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” VT #170*

Scripture – Psalm 139:1-16, 23-24

Children’s Story – “Runaway Bunny Pastor Tom Harder

Special Music – Kevin & Arturo Vivanco

Offering (put your offering in the plate at the front)

Offertory Prayer

**Receiving God’s Word**

Scripture – Genesis 28:10-19a

Sermon – “Pillars to God” Pastor Tom Harder

Hymn – “Jacob’s Ladder” (words on the screen)

 Accompanied by Tom Harder on guitar

**Sharing with One Another**

Sharing Joys and Prayer Requests

Prayer of the Church

**Going in God’s Name**

*\*Sending Song – “The Lord Lift You Up” VT #832*

*\*Benediction*

Postlude

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

Pastor Pete Emery

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**First Mennonite Church of Christian**

**Moundridge, KS**

**A Welcoming Community of Christians for Peace**

**July 23, 2023**

**PRAYER PLACES/JOYOUS JOURNEYS**

**Pray for all the victims** in the world who have been affected by this weather of extreme heat, wild fires, floods, or tornadoes.

**Pray for Camp Mennoscah**, all the campers, counselors, and employees. Sophia Gingerich attended Camp this past week.

**Pray for Larry Goering.** He recently had knee surgery and is home recuperating.

**God will either lighten our load or strengthen our backs. Author unknown**

If you have prayer requests or items of joy, contact one of the Care Team members so we can add those requests as needed. Members are: Pat Krehbiel, Dwight Goering or Cheri Kaufman.

Opportunities

**Today:** 9:30: Fellowship time in First Perk

 10:30: Worship Service

**July 23:** Tom Harder speak

**July 26:** Deacons, 1:30 pm

 Church board, 7:30 pm

**July 30:** Communion

**Sunday, July 30: Pianist – Lu Goering, Worship Leader – Pat Krehbiel, Special Music – Rick & Pat Krehbiel**

He loves what is right and fair.
    The Lord’s love fills the earth

##         Psalm 33:5-6

**Announcements**

**The cemetery** is in need of some trimming again. If you are able or willing to do some trimming, it can be done at your own time and pace. About half of the west side as already been trimmed, but the rest of the west side and all of the east side still need to be trimmed. Thank you for your help. Ferd appreciates it whenever you can give it.

**Sunday, July 30,** we will be having Communion during the church service.

**We will again collect supplies for MCC.**  They have some current needs listed in the paragraph below.   I will put boxes in the foyer to collect supplies.  If you prefer to give a check, there will be an envelope for the checks.  We will collect supplies until August 4.  Thank you for your participation.

 **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:**An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men’s deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits).

**Plowing with Horses and Vintage Tractors:** The rains came Saturday evening July 15, and the field was turned to mud, so no plowing.  But the Ag Committee decided to have Plowing with Horses and Vintage Tractors on **Saturday, July 29, 2023**, just west of Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00.  Concessions by Gospel Mennonite. We tasted their homemade ice cream and that really makes a trip to Moundridge double worthwhile. Come and see.

--Kathy Goering for 150th steering committee

**Colorado Peaches are coming!**  The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are supposed to be a good crop this year thanks to the moisture during the winter and spring.  Please email patsydirksen@mcc.org to place your peach order from **July 24-August 5**. Two sizes are available: **10 lbs. for $30 and 18 lbs. for $41.**Checks should be made payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line** and payment (cash/check only) is due by **August 5** to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.).  Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on **Monday, August 21**. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.

**Mobility Worldwide KS/PET** has scheduled a distribution of

mobility carts for the disabled in Guatemala for August. Help with

expenses would be appreciated. Please make the check to the order

of M.W.KS with “Trip” in the memo line. Mail the check to M.W.KS,

320 W Ruth St, Moundridge, KS 67107. Thank you from Kirby and

Chris Goering.

**The Pine Village Benefit Day Bierock Fundraiser** is coming up!

We are now taking Bierock Pre-orders, which are due by Wednesday, August 2nd. You may order a half dozen for $20 or a dozen for $35. Return forms to Pine Village or order online at <https://www.pinevillageks.org/benefitdaypreorders>.

Join us for dinner on August 11th from 5:30-7pm. Dinner is just $7, add an extra bierock for only $3 more! We would love for you to join us in person! Pre-order pick up will be on August 11th from 3-6pm at Pine Village Wellness Center.

Thank you for your support!

**It’s time for the MCC School Kit Challenge!** Help us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God’s love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at [**mcc.org/school-kit-challenge**](https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).