

# The Final Four Hymns

April 26, 2020

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## **Meditation Music**

Nora Miller, piano

## **Call to Worship**

Daryl Unruh

## **Words for the Children**

Sheralyn Goering

## **Special Music**

*The Lorica*

Ben Regier's Band

## **Scripture**

Psalm 139:1-12

Daryl Unruh

## **Meditation**

*Everywhere*

Anita Kehr, pastor

## **Prayers of the church**

Susan Jantzen, pastor

## **Closing music**

Nora Miller, piano

**\*Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.**

## **Happy Birthday**

Deb Penner—April 26

Sheralyn Goering—April 27

Marjorie Janzen—April 27

JoAn Thieszen—April 29

Kathy Becker—April 30

Rachel Koehn—May 2

### ***The Lorica***

I bind unto myself today  
The gift to call on the Trinity  
The saving faith where I can say  
Come three in one, oh one in three.

#### *Refrain:*

Be above me, as high as the noonday sun  
Be below me, the rock I set my feet upon  
Be beside me, the wind on my left and right  
Be behind me, oh circle me with Your truth and life.

I bind unto myself today  
The love of Angels and Seraphim  
The prayers and prophecies of Saints  
The words and deeds of righteous ones.

I bind unto myself today  
The hope to rise from the dust of earth  
The songs of nature giving praise  
To Master, Spirit, Living Word.

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### **Upcoming Worship Services**

**Through May 17**—We will be focusing on the final four hymns/songs from our tournament during worship. Next week, we will be looking at *Come, thou fount of every blessing*; (The other two are: *Be thou my vision* and—the winner—*Great is thy faithfulness*.)



## *The Final Four Hymns— The Lorica*

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## Announcements

**The offering for today** will go to Local Mission. The offering for May 5 will be for Mennonite Mission Network.

**If you would like** help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

**Offerings** can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. **We are so grateful for your continuing support!**

**Remember that the Caring Fund is available:** In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.

**Connecting with your groups:** FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a video- and phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

**You can still sign up for summer youth camps!** Camp Mennoscah is planning to have summer youth camps, but recognizing the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation, a final decision will be made closer to the start of camps. Your camp fees, including the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, will be refunded if camp is canceled. Further information can be found at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or by calling 620-297-3290. **Please send your name to the church office if you need to be added to the Camp Scholarship list.**

**Transition information:** The Search Committee meets again this coming Tuesday to continue to work on the Congregational Information Form. Keep them in your prayers!

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



**Youth Group announcements**—Youth Sunday School—Every Sunday—Zoom doors open at 9:30 AM, class starts at 10:00 AM. Watch for emails with details and your official Zoom invitation!

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evening on Zoom! You can log on to Zoom at 6:30 PM, with the group beginning at 6:45 PM. Zoom invites will arrive beforehand.

**Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard,** is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at [harderbogard@gmail.com](mailto:harderbogard@gmail.com).

**Camp Mennoscah facilities and camp grounds** will be closed at least until May 22. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page and YouTube channel! You can also reach us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org). We will continue to update information on our website and social media sites, as well as through email. Stay healthy!

**First Mennonite cares too!** You may have received your CARES check from the federal government already by direct deposit or may be still waiting for a paper check, but many in our community and around the world have been more directly affected by the pandemic and will not be getting any relief. The relief fund may have been a blessing to you in your time of need, but if you are able, the Outreach Commission would encourage you to pass the blessing on to others with unmet needs. Suggestions:

- **Casa Betania Family Relief Fund.** Checks may be written to Casa Betania and sent to Linda Shelly who will work with Pastor Graciela to administer the fund.
- **FMC Caring Fund** is responding to local needs including some initial funds for Casa Betania.
- **New Hope Shelter** has higher expenses because it is unable to use volunteers at this time.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** has a special project "**IM 105 Global Disaster Response**" focused on COVID-19 response.

In all cases if funding exceeds specific needs related to the COVID-19 response, the extra funds would be used to meet ongoing needs.