

Worshiping with the Psalms

August 30, 2020

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Meditation music

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship by William Moore; arr. Cindy Berry
Nora Miller, pianist

Welcome and call to worship

Forrest Miller

Words for the children

Keith Knopp

Worship song

This is Amazing Grace
Joey Menninga

Prayer for the offering

Scripture

Psalm 90

Meditation

Some Times
Pastor Anita Kehr

Worship song

Great are You, Lord

Prayers of the church

Sam Claassen, Caregiving and Membership Commission

Closing music

Agnus Dei by Michael W. Smith
Nora Miller, pianist

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**We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitewton.org), on our Facebook page, or at our Vimeo site. Recordings of the service will be available afterwards as well. Thank you to all those who helped to make the new camera system possible. Today, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Upcoming Worship Services

September 6—Worshiping with the Psalms: Psalm 121

September 9—Last Words: Remember

September 16—Last Words: Listen and Speak

September 23—Last Words: Bless

Happy Birthday

Rick Ortman—August 30

Henry Nickel—August 31

Delia Schroeder—September 4

Matthew Shelly—September 4

Ryan Koehn—September 5

OUR VISION—Together in Christ: rooted deeply, reaching widely, loving well

OUR MISSION—With Jesus as our center, we are called to be:

- Faith-Focused
- Mission-Minded
- Community-Connected

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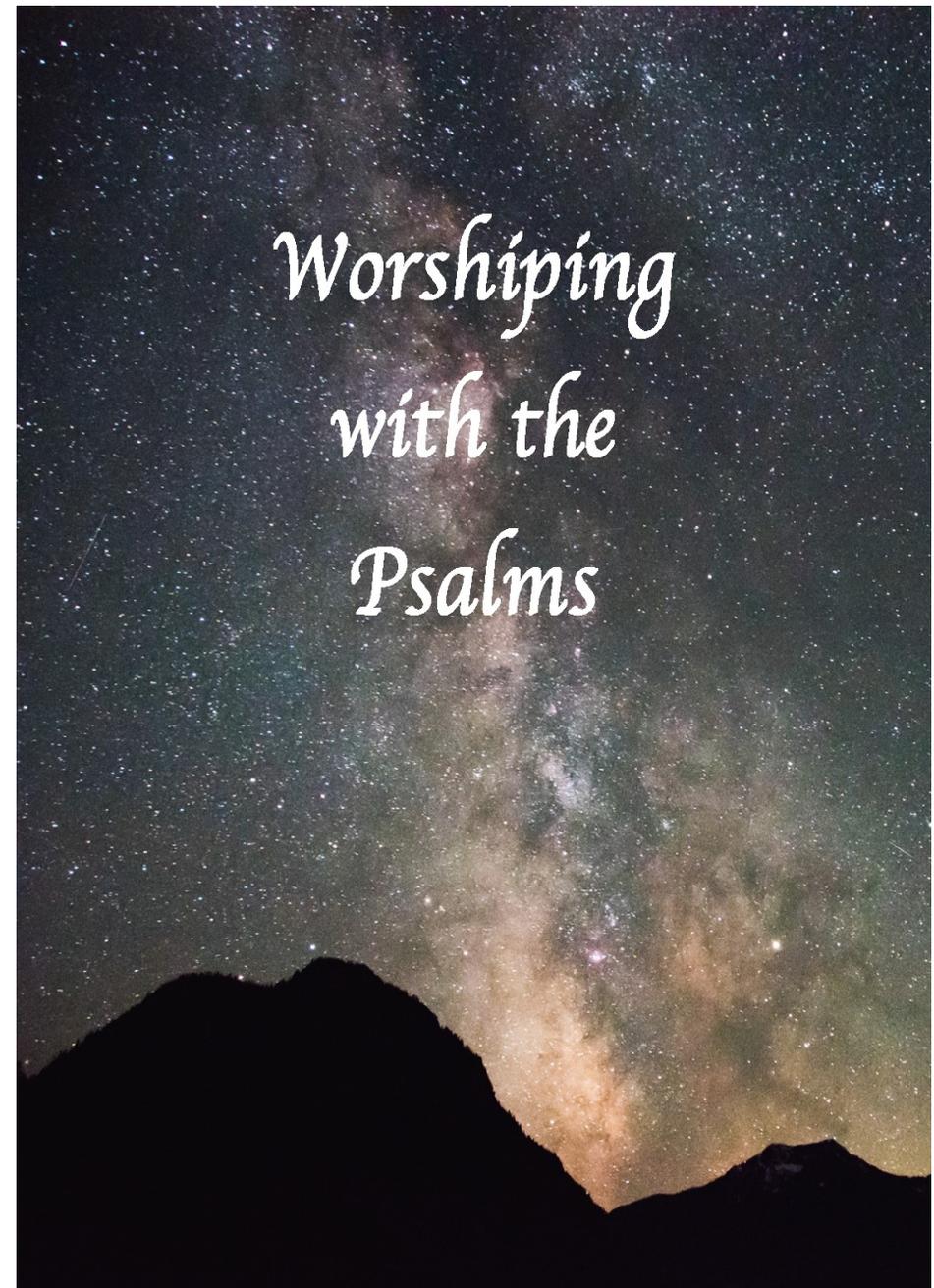
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Announcements

The offering today is for Mennonite Central Committee and on September 6 it will be for Western District Conference.

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. For electronic giving, go to the church website (firstmennonitewton.org) or contact the church office.

Candles on the communion table show us that each candle with its distinct color has gifts from God to shine into our world. May nothing diminish what each offers.

Congratulations to Aaron and Melanie Koop and big sister, Ella Jane, on the birth of Everett Regier Koop, born on August 22. We wish God's richest blessing on this new life! The flower on the communion table is in Everett's honor.

This **Sunday evening, August 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m., you are invited to an open fellowship time at Athletic Park**, near the gazebo and the Mennonite Settler statue. Please bring something to sit on; wear your mask; and bring along a water bottle. Children should stay with parents. This is an opportunity to see each other, catch up a little bit, and do so safely—outside and 6 feet apart! (We will cancel in the event of rain and confirm cancellation by email and on Facebook.)

The school year has begun for college students and will begin in Newton on Thursday for our elementary and high school students. **Let's join together in prayer on Tuesday evening, 7:00-7:30 p.m. via Zoom** to pray for teachers, students, staff, and administrators. The format will be "guided prayer" in which a group is introduced, and then individuals will pray either audibly or silently, as they feel led. We will close by praying the Lord's Prayer together. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday, and all are welcome.

The Nurture Commission would like to get your children's Fall Sunday School materials to you sometime in the next few weeks so that you can keep "doing Sunday School" at home as you wish to. Sunday school teachers and helpers will touch base with you as they start deliveries. We are also working on some Zoom gatherings for our Sunday school children, ages K - 5th grade. Please watch your email and the bulletin for more information on this.

Transition information: There is still lots of "behind the scenes" work going on for our transition journey. The Church and Staff Relations Committee is interviewing for our interim lead pastor position. The results of the Pastoral Priorities Survey are being tabulated for use by the Church Board and Search Committee to formulate job descriptions and complete the Congregational Information Form. These are required prior to starting the interview portion of our search for pastoral staff. All of this work needs our prayers wrapped around it for God's will and guidance as we move forward in the coming months. All your prayers are appreciated and felt!

You are invited to explore more than 20 books on topics related to anti-racism. In our church Gathering Place, you will find a book cart with sanitizer and plastic gloves nearby. Please use gloves or sanitizer while viewing the books. Books are available by sign-out. There is a seven day check-out. When books are returned, place the book(s) in the basket provided for returned books. If you have questions, see Susan Jantzen, Marsha Schmidt of Nurture Commission or Miriam Goertzen-Regier of the Library Committee. Big thanks to Jennie Wintermote (Resource Library Director at Western District Conference) who pulled some books for our congregation. Thanks also to Bev Regier who helped compile the summaries. All books are due back to the church by October 2.

The adult Sunday School books/quarterlies are now available to pick up. They are located on the table in the Gathering Place.

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.

MCC is in need of school kits to fulfill requests from our partners around the world! Complete kits and/or supplies (find a full list of items at mcc.org/kits) can be shipped to MCC Central States (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC. If you would like help unloading, please contact Kate at (katemast@mcc.org, (316) 804-8432) to schedule a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support of MCC!

Preschool Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 3:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different; join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Tuesday, September 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Contact Jennie with any questions at crlib@mennowdc.org. Register at forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be a one-day event on Monday, September 7. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. Activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines. Please bring a mask with you. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people in need of food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon. A massive explosion on August 4 destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain and worsened an existing economic crisis. You can donate online at mcc.org/beirut-response, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Beirut response" to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., Akron PA 17501.