

What's Your Picture of Jesus?

October 25, 2020

Meditation music

Oh To Be Like Thee

Composer Kirkpatrick, arranged by Victor Labenske

Jyl Ewy, piano

Welcome and call to worship

Judy Murphy, worship leader

Words for the children

Keith Knopp

Worship Song

Come as you are

Joey Menninga

Offering

Prayer for the offering and scripture reading

Luke 11:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:1

Sermon

Jesus: Meek & Mild or Free & Wild

Kurt Horst, pastor

Prayers of the church

Sean Claassen

Sending song

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Postlude

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick, composer, Mark Hayes, arr.

Jyl Ewy, piano

Upcoming Worship Services

November 1—Remembrance Sunday—Pastor Susan gives the Meditation.

Happy Birthday!

Cameron Weaver—October 25
Rod Schmidt—October 27
Gary Grochowsky—October 29
Sarah Koehn—October 29
Lewis Wiebe—October 29
Galeard Hackney—October 30
Liam Knopp—October 30
Carson Knopp—October 30
LaVerna Schierling—October 30
Kiley Schmidt—October 30

**We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenewton.org), on our Facebook page, YouTube, 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, Eric Murphy, Ryan Koehn and Sarah Koehn are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Musicians: Joey Menninga. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art.

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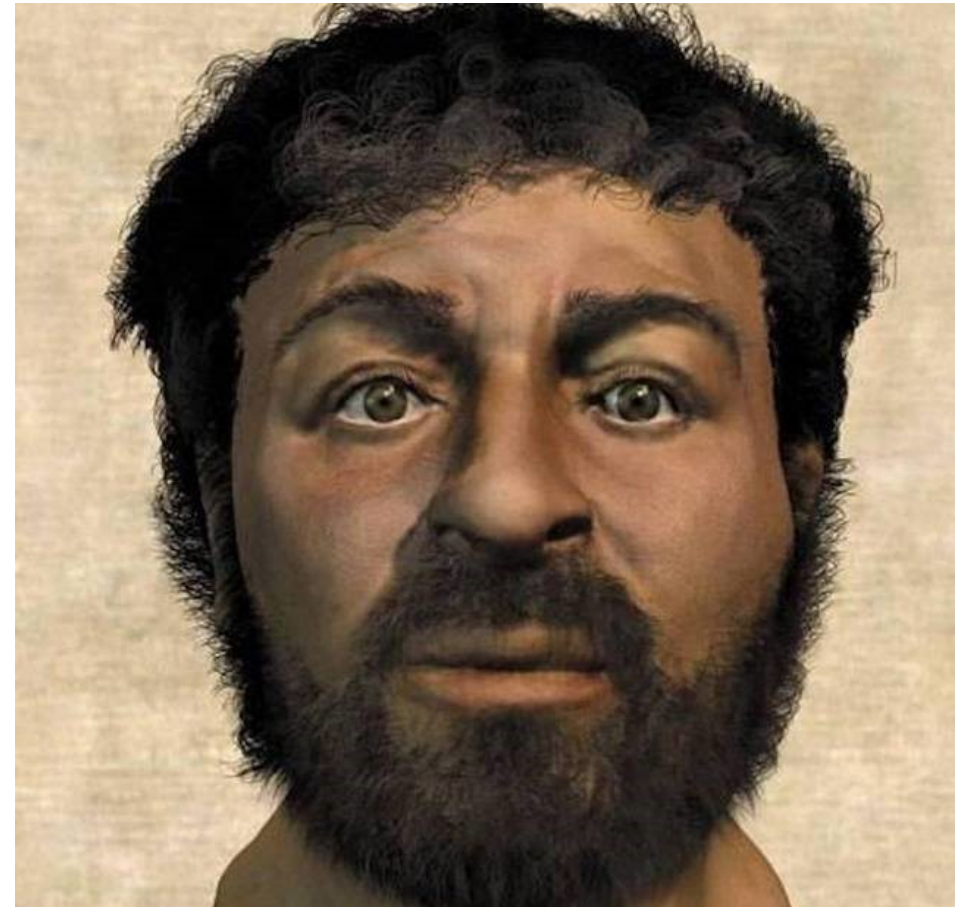
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**Follow my example,
as I follow the example of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 11:1

Transitional Information: One big step in our transition time has been the installation of Kurt Horst as our Lead Interim Pastor. We welcome Kurt and are looking forward to our time of working for God's mission in the world with him as our lead pastor. With that step complete, our interim pastoral staff is complete. The Search Committee will begin this week to finish the final steps of our Congregation Information Form, present a job description to the Church Board for approval, and turn all needed documents over to WDC. When those documents are accepted by WDC, it will be possible for our settled pastoral staff search to begin its final phase which consists of reviewing Ministerial Leadership Information forms from those in search of pastoral positions then selecting candidates to be interviewed and finally presented to the congregation for possible calling in the final and last step. The Church Board and Search Committee are looking forward to moving forward into the final steps for this process. Please continue praying for Church Board, Search Committee, and our decision making process in the coming months.

Save the date—The Youth Group Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday, November 18. The dinner will be of the "drive in and drive off" variety, so that all of us can be safe as well as satisfied! More details will be forth coming in the coming days.

Yard signs "No matter where you are from, we are glad you are our neighbor" in Spanish, English and Arabic are available from the Outreach Mission and Peace Commission! This simple message of welcome and hospitality, started by a group of Mennonite pastors in Harrisonburg VA, is something positive and unifying we can post in our yard during this time of deep divisions. Contact a member of Outreach by November 8, if you would like a sign! (Outreach will cover part of the cost, but is asking you to contribute \$5 per sign.)

You are invited to explore more than 15 books on topics related to creation care. In our church Gathering Area, 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 box provided for returned books. If you have questions, see or call June Thomsen. Big thanks to Jennie Wintermote (Resource Library Director at Western District Conference) who pulled these books for our congregation.

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sr. High Sunday School will meet weekly. Check your email for more details with the day, time and Zoom link.
- Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. When and while the weather allows, we may be meeting outside in various locations, or we will be on Zoom. Watch your email for details.

MCC Meat Canning—Newton Area MCC meat canning is November 10-12. We will start at 7:00 AM every morning and will only have four rounds per day, so shifts will be shorter each day.

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, and Bob Schmidt, chair.

Community Announcements

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is conducting an Online Quilt Auction. The Quilt Auction began on Monday, October 12, and will run through Monday, October 26. There are 25 quilts that have been selected by the Quilt Committee. The Quilt Auction is on the Auctria website at charityauction.bid/KMRSQuilts. The link is now live and there are pictures of the quilts with a complete description of each quilt that would be in the MCC Sale Quilt booklet. This includes title, dimensions, as well as the individual that donated the quilt if known. These are lovely quilts that are a representative of the more than 200 quilts that were donated in April. Check out the pictures and start bidding. If you have questions concerning the quilts, please contact Charlene Driggers at 620-947-1749.

Tabor College Presents Beth A. Silvers, the fourth speaker in the vocation and service lecture series "Exaudio: Listen and Live." She is coauthor of *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)* (Thomas Nelson, 2019). On October 26, she will give two major public presentations on the Tabor campus on the theme, "Respecting Those Who May Be Wrong." Beth Silvers owns and operates Checking In with Beth Silvers, a life and business coaching practice. Her professional experience includes eleven years with a large Midwestern law firm as an attorney and human resources executive.

If you can tie a knot you can help MCC! There are lots of comforters at MCC in North Newton that need to be tied and we're looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in borrowing a set of sticks/stands from the MCC Workroom to set up and tie comforters at home, please contact Kate Mast at 316-804-8432 or at katemast@mcc.org.

MEDA Convention 2020: Towards an equal world. Join MEDA for two days of inspiration, information and networking online November 6-7. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. Go to medaconvention.org for more information.

Bluestem Communities is pleased to announce the "Double Your Impact, Double Your Gift" initiative. Thanks to several generous donors, gifts given between October 1 and December 31, 2020 will be matched dollar for dollar helping to meet the needs of the annual benevolent funds and Covid-19 expenses. We invite you to make a "Double Impact" donation by giving online at bluestemcommunities.org/giving or by calling 316-836-4879. Please designate your gift to Kidron Bethel Village, Schowalter Villa, Bluestem PACE or where it is most needed.

Tune into Mission Network's Facebook on Mondays 1:00 PM (EST) for the Hope Series and let us help you dwell in the hope that is the love of Christ. Be sure to tune in on Thursdays at the same time for Hope Around the World, a check-in time with our international partners.

Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on October 30-November 1 has some space available. The November 6-8 Scrapbook and Crafts retreat is waitlist only. Participants will stay in the Retreat Center with their own bathroom and scrapbook/crafts tables will be set up in the dining hall to provide more space and better ventilation. Register at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Camp Mennoscah welcomes guests! Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass—prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities. We can't wait to see you!

A recording of Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is available on YouTube at: youtu.be/gWLZ8tXyBcM and soon on Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page.

A **new video series** from Mennonite Church USA showcases the stories of Mennonites who are advocating for immigration justice and demonstrating radical hospitality. Visit the Learn, Pray, Join web page for these and other resources: mennoniteusa.org/immigration/.

Mask ask! MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines: Adult sized, use at least two layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred), elastic ear loops, and nose wire/filter pockets optional. Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24-hour donation room at MCC by **November 15**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. For questions, please contact Kate at katemast@mcc.org.

The KIPCOR Peace Lecture series presents journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, in an online format on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM. Smarsh is the author of two acclaimed books on poverty and class in America, *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* and, just released, *She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs*. To register for the Zoom link, go to kipcor.org, click on the event and scroll down to the "Register Now" button.

Announcements

Because of rising concerns about the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Harvey County, a decision was made to **NOT** have in person worship services for today. This decision will be reevaluated before our worship service next week November 1. Please look for emails about this decision in the coming days. We will continue to live stream the service on Sunday morning as we were before. You can watch the service via our church Facebook page, YouTube, our webpage firstmennonitewton.org, or at our Vimeo site beginning at 10:30 AM Sunday morning.

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.

In Sympathy—Willard Entz (97), Larry Entz's father, passed away on October 17. We extend our condolences to Larry, Carol, Amanda and Isaac.

Offering: The offering for today is for Local Mission. The offering for November 1 will be for AMBS. 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 Gathering 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.

Remembrance Sunday is November 1, a week from today. We value keeping this tradition even though we will proceed a bit differently. **You are invited to write the name of a person** on a piece of paper and **send it to the church office**. These will be fixed to the pages of the Remembrance Book for the November 1 service. The names will be read aloud. A designated person in the front of the sanctuary will light the candle for each name, rather than members of the congregation coming forward.

Project Proposals Due: This is a reminder from the Caregiving and Membership Commission that Project Proposals to address needs, especially programmatic or systemic needs in our community, should be turned in to the church office by November 1.

Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 8, 1:00 PM. Main agenda items will be budget approval, action on slate of nominees, plus a Pastor Search Committee Report. This year our meeting will be held via Zoom. For those that do not have access to a computer you can participate, in sound mode only, by using your telephone. The link information will be listed in the bulletin prior to Sunday, November 8. The Annual Report and the 2019 twelve months financial information have been sent to you electronically if you use email or regular mail for others. Copies are also available at the church office. ~Don Schmidt, Congregational Moderator