

# Eastertide: Rejoicing

## May 19, 2019

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### Gathering

**Gathering song:** *Morning has broken*..... \*H 648

**Welcome and the work of the people (announcements)**

**Opening words** ..... Pastor Kay Schroeder

**Centering** ..... Donna Stucky, organist/pianist

#### Gathering words of praise:

L: Come and rejoice in God!

**P: Sing praise to God who continually  
blesses our lives!**

L: In the midst of troubles and stress,  
God is near, offering compassion.

**P: Our hope is in the Lord.**

L: Let all the people praise God.

**P: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

### Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Rejoice the Lord is King* ..... H 288

*I stand amazed in the presence* ..... H 528

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Sheralyn Goering

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

**Offering response:** *Praise God from whom* (stanza A) ..... H 119

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:4-7; I Thessalonians 5:16-22

**Sermon:** *POSSIBLE* ..... Pastor Joel Schroeder

### Responding to God's Word

**Song of faith:** *For God so loved us* (stanza 1) ..... H 167

**Responding with testimony:** Derek Entz

**Song of faith:** *For God so loved us* (stanza 2) ..... H 167

**Responding with testimony:** Emily Brandt

**Song of faith:** *For God so loved us* (stanza 3) ..... H 167

**Responding with testimony:** Payton Hiebert

**Song of faith:** *For God so loved us* (stanza 4) ..... H 167

**Pastoral prayer** ..... Pastor Anita Kehr

### Sending

**Sending song:** *Guide my feet* ..... H 546

**Sending words**

#### Postlude

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\*H denotes Hymnal: A Worship Book    \*\*CS denotes Companion Songbook

Chorister: Pastor Kay Schroeder

Childcare: Greg or Laura Myers, Amanda Menninga, Evelyn Gaertner

Nurse: Shirley Dietzel, Kathleen Andres, Christa or Monte Hiebert

Ushers: Gus Dorado, Dave Goering, Mike Garcia, Andrea Regier

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Connie Claassen

Property Committee: Alan Entz

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 19—Eastertide—Rejoicing

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service

### Monday, May 20

7:00 PM Property Committee

### Tuesday, May 21

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

### Thursday, May 23

7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

### Saturday/Sunday May 25-26

2:00 PM Camp Mennoscah Weekend—*Renewed and Restored*

### Upcoming Worship Services

June 2—*Eastertide—Reflecting*

June 9—*Pentecost—Reviving*

**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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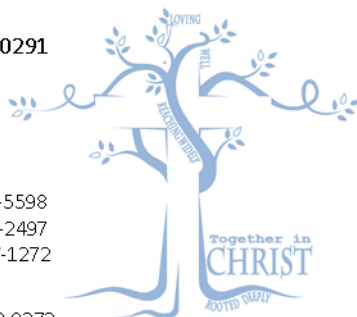
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# Our Unfolding Story:

- ⇒ *Responding to the Word*
- ⇒ *Renewing Hearts*
- ⇒ *Reflecting Hope*

## Recognizing

## Reflecting

## Redeemed

## Rejoicing

## Responding

## Renewed Restored

## First Mennonite Church

May 19, 2019

**Prayer Places:** If you're interested in scheduling an extended prayer time in either the "upper room" balcony prayer room or in the Warkentin Room, please coordinate with the church office. We hope you will!

**FMC is planning another fun time** at Camp Mennoscah next weekend, May 25-26. Please plan on joining us on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. **You may sign up in the Court Area and payment is due at the time of registration.**

**Can one person or one small group accomplish anything?** To get the answer, view the new exhibits which give glimpses into the lives of Sister Frieda Kaufman and the Deaconess Sisterhood. Who were they? Did they impact our congregation? ...the wider community? Compiled by the Historical Committee, the presentations are located in the corner display cabinets at the west end of the Gathering Area.

**Camp Mennoscah Scholarships**—Over the last several years, First Mennonite has offered scholarships of \$100 per student for children in both our congregation and in Casa Betania. This experience has been a vital part of the faith formation of those who attend. Last year, we supported about 40 students. The Nurture Commission would be grateful for any help you can give toward supporting our children in this way. Please talk to any member of the commission for more information.

**DELAY OF RECOMMENDATION:** The process of beginning communication concerning the GRACE recommendation 10 regarding a "transparent discussion with the entire church body whether Michael Combs will be permitted to return to FMC if and when he is released from prison" will begin in September 2019.

**VBS Sign-Up:** Vacation Bible School takes place June 12-16 at Shalom Mennonite. We are looking for adult volunteers. Please sign up today in the Gathering Area to help or to sign up your child for VBS.

**Men's Bible Study.** All interested men are invited to join a 5-week study of the book of Colossians (which contains one of the twelve foundational scriptures for our church). The first meeting will be on Thursday May 23, 7:30 PM, at 507 Autumn Glen Court. Please contact Sam at 620-951-4455 for more information.

**SEAK 2.0 Summer Outreach Opportunity:** Please sign up in the Court Area if you're interested! We are eating lunch and providing activities for children in our neighborhood in the yard behind New Creation Fellowship Church on Wednesdays and Fridays between June 3-July 19. Come visit with us in the Court Area for more info!

**NT CRISPR Challenge 44.4** (Week 23)—**May 19** 1 Peter 3:1-22; **May 20** 1 Peter 4:1-5:14; **May 21** 2 Peter 1:1-21; **May 22** 2 Peter 2:1-3:18; **May 23** 1 John 1:1-2:29; **May 24** 1 John 3:1-4:21; **May 25** 1 John 5:1-21. **May NT CRISPR Calendars** are available in the office.

## Community Announcements

***The Anderson Story—Celebrating a Legacy*** will be presented by Dennis and Dorcas Good at the Harvey County Historical Museum, 203 North Main, Newton today, 2:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00. Members are free.

**Casa Betania welcomes donations** of sellable items for a June 1 garage sale at 510 SE 2 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM to support the church. Items can be dropped off at 510 SE 2 on Saturday, May 25, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM or Wednesday May 29, 6:30- 7:00 or 8:00-8:30 PM. Large items can be delivered early on June 1.

**We're in search of a new Program Director** for Prison Ministries! This part-time position coordinates our M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Check out the complete job listing on our website at [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org). Reviewing applications until position is filled.

**The second Work and Play Day** will be May 25 at Camp Mennoscah from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. These single work days replace our fall Work and Play Camp. Projects will vary based on skill and ages. A simple lunch will be served. All ages welcome; those under 18 must have an adult with them. Let us know you are coming—register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call us at 620-297-3290!

**Casa Betania will be selling pork and chicken tamales** at their June 1 garage sale at 510 SE 2 to support the church. Suggested cost is \$14 for a dozen or \$7 for six, with donations welcome. Tamales can be picked up from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on June 1. Advance orders by May 27 will help with planning. First Mennonite people can order through Linda Shelly: [lindajs81@gmail.com](mailto:lindajs81@gmail.com) or text 316-734-5947.

**Everence will hold an all-inclusive retirement** planning workshop on Saturday, June 1, 9:00-11:30 AM. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

**Mennonite Economic Development Associates** (MEDA) Kansas Network Hub and Hesston College Aviation will partner for an evening learning event and catered meal on Tuesday, June 4, at the Hesston College hangar at the Newton City/County Airport, 502 N. Oliver. The programming and meal are free though donations are welcome to help with expenses. Reservations are required by Friday, May 31 or until maximum capacity is reached. RSVP at [meda.org/kansas-event](http://meda.org/kansas-event) or to [sballard@harperindustries.com](mailto:sballard@harperindustries.com) or 620-896-7381. The evening's programming will include tours of the Hesston College Aviation facility and airplane fleet, meeting the instructors, information about the flight training program and the recent addition of a four-year bachelor degree, and demonstrations on the simulated advanced training device.

**Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah** still have openings! Gather your friends and tell them about the great things we do—campfire, river play, crafts, singing, nature, friendship bracelets, and more fun stuff! Camp is the sort of thing to share with everyone. Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)!

**Opportunities to serve with MCC Nicaragua and Honduras**—Do you excel in an administrative support role, helping to create and implement plans? Want to contribute to MCC's community development work in the Central America context? ¡Entonces, venga! Bring your organizational expertise, assessment tools, accompaniment experience, Spanish language skills and a desire to learn—right this way! MCC has 2 opportunities for you to consider, starting either **July 15, 2019** (in Nicaragua) or **January 6, 2020** (in Honduras). Visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve), or contact [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information.

**Mennonite Mission Network**, an international faith-based mission agency, is seeking a full-time interim (1 year) program director for Mennonite Voluntary Service. This position requires a collaborative leader who will work closely with young adults, hosting congregations and MVS staff in financial and unit administration. A bachelor's degree and prior inter-cultural experience in service is preferred. Fluency in Spanish language is a plus. View the position description at [MennoniteMission.net](http://MennoniteMission.net). Send cover letter and resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**Two nurses are needed for Summer Youth Camps!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for a camp nurse for the weeks of June 9-15 and June 23-29. Nurses receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) to become one of our much adored nurses!

**Mennonite Mission Network** is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at [MennoniteMission.net/SERVE](http://MennoniteMission.net/SERVE): **Art store assistant in Anchorage, AK:** Anchorage re: MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-rescued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold. **Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA:** Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development. **Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM:** First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

**Save the Date**—June 26 for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event at Mennonite Central Committee in North Newton from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will celebrate all the work our volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together!

**WELCOME TO EVERYONE** who has come to worship and especially to those who are here for the first time. May you experience the loving embrace of God today. Nursery Care, infants to age 2, is provided during the worship service in the nursery located at the back of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for children ages 2-4 during the second half of the worship service in Room 223. If you need help finding your way, ask an usher at the door. We would be glad to help you!

#### **First Mennonite Church by the numbers**

##### **Attendance:**

•Worship—213; Sunday School—153; Visitors—9

**Offering:** Last week's offering for Local Mission was \$10,660. The offering for May 26 is for Local Mission.

**In Sympathy**—Helen Bachman (87) passed away on Wednesday, May 15. Visitation will be today at Schowalter Villa Chapel from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, with family present during this time. The graveside service will be at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 20, at Restlawn followed by the memorial service at First Mennonite at 10:30 AM with a lunch following the service. We extend our condolences to Ken, Rachel, Karen and the rest of Helen's family.

**Receiving or has received care**—Chuck Regier, NMC Rehab Unit.

**Bruce Rosario, our Ministry Inquiry Program student** from Bethel College, will begin his internship with us tomorrow, May 20. Over the course of these weeks, we ask you to welcome him well, maybe invite him for a meal, and encourage him in his work among us. He will join us next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, so that will give a good opportunity for you to meet him. During the first part of the summer, he will be living with Amanda and Clarence Rempel (thank you!). **Thanks to you all** ahead of time for your hospitality.

**Thank you to the MANY volunteers** who worked **MANY** hours to clean up the water in the church basement from all the recent rains. All of your work was very much appreciated!

**Thank you!** Once again all the Adopt-A-Month visitation opportunities were quickly taken. It's good to be part of a caring congregation.

~The Caregiving and Membership Commission

**Congratulations to our 2019 graduates**—Kaitlyn Black, Seth Bontrager, Ethan Entz, Reid Graber, Zach Kennell, Tim Kirner—Newton High School; Riley Kingsley—Eastern Mennonite University; Sophia Miller—Hesston College; Rebecca Schrag, Stephanie Brown (January 2019)—Bethel College; Ashlynn Hamm—Tabor College; Taylor Stahly—Louisiana Tech College.