

# Jesus, Show Us Your Living Water

March 15, 2020

## Gathering

**Gathering song:** *Holy God, we praise thy name* ..... \*H 121

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

(Please pass the welcome pads)

**Opening words** ..... David Wiebe, worship leader

**Centering music**..... Donna Stucky

**Call to worship:**

One: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

**Many: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!**

One: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.

**Many: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the Rock of our Salvation.**

One: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.

**Many: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.**

**All: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!**

## Praising

**Songs of faith:** *Lord, I am fondly, earnestly* ..... H 514

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*..... H 493

**Greet one another; children come forward**

**Children's focus** ..... Bryan Kehr

**Prayer song:** *Jesus, Rock of ages* ..... H 515

**Offering:** Local Mission

**Offertory**

## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture:** John 4:1-42

**Sermon:** *Living Refreshment* ..... Anita Kehr, pastor

**Lenten response**

## Responding to God's Word

**Song of response:** *Worship the Lord in the beauty*..... H 220

**Prayers of the church** ..... June Thomsen

## Sending

**Sending song:** *My life flows on* ..... H 580

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

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

Audio Tech: Tim Regier

Video/Lighting Tech: Alex Goering

Visuals: Cindy Unruh

Property Committee: John Good

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**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**

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, March 15—Lent 3: Show us the Rock of our salvation—Exodus 17:1-7;  
Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42**

9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
7:45 AM Outreach

**Monday, March 16**

7:00 PM Property Committee

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 PM Caregiving and Membership Commission

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00 PM Choir  
7:00 PM Youth Group

**Sunday, March 22—Lent 4—Show us our blindness—1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

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

**Upcoming Worship Services**

March 29—Lent 5—Show us Your power over death—Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;  
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

April 15—Palm/Passion Sunday—Show us how to balance celebration and grief

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**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
March 15, 2020**

# SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Sunday School/Worship**—Sunday, March 15, 9:15-11:30 AM.
- **Mission Night**—Wednesday, March 18, (no family night meal this week) **Meet at church at 6:30 PM, or at Kidron Bethel (Main entrance) at 6:45 PM.**
- **Looking ahead: MCC Work/Pizza night**—Wednesday, March 25, 6:30-8:30 PM. Meet at MCC center in North Newton.

**The Thursday evening men's Bible study** will be focusing on John 13-17 during these weeks of Lent. All are welcome to join us. For details, call or text Sam at 620- 951-4455.

**College scholarship money is available**—If you (or a family member) will be attending (or are considering) a Mennonite college or university for undergraduate study or a Mennonite seminary during the 2020-2021 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 12, 2020**, submit the completed application to either Jyl Ewy or Ron Dietzel. For each school year, an FMC application must be completed. Some Mennonite colleges provide matching funds so your monies would be doubled when enrolled in one of those schools. Eligibility criteria for the FMC funds are provided on the application. The form is available in the Gathering Area at FMC.

**VBS 2020: God's Big Beautiful World—Save the Date for VBS, May 26-29 at First Mennonite Church, 5:30-8:00 PM** (including supper for children and volunteers). Ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to explore, celebrate, and care for God's good creation! For more information or to volunteer to help during the week please talk to Jennie Wintermote. Her email is [jenniewintermote@gmail.com](mailto:jenniewintermote@gmail.com).

**Who is the distinguished, kindly-looking gentleman in the portrait** just inside the door of the room which is across the hall from the church library? Why is "Warkentin Memorial Fellowship Room" inscribed on the door's plaque? To get the answer, view the new exhibit which gives a glimpse into the life of a past church member. Learn how he impacted our congregation as well as the wider church body. Compiled by the Historical Committee, the presentation is located in the corner display cabinet at the west end of the Gathering Area.

**Transition information:** We are in a season of waiting for what is next: for the reports on the pastor and congregational reviews, for conversation and discernment regarding the next steps on our congregational journey, for the Congregational Information Form to be prepared by the Search Committee. In this particular season, give thanks for this congregation—for God's continuing movement in and through us.

**Believe it or not, it is time to sign up** for summer camp at Camp Mennoscah. As we have in the past, the Nurture Commission will provide a \$100 scholarship to each camper from FMC and Casa Betania. You must sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space to receive a camp scholarship from FMC. The \$100 scholarship will be paid directly to camp. To sign up for camp, go to [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) and click on "Register Online"! If you have any questions about the camp scholarship, please contact Stephanie Weaver, [stephweaver@live.com](mailto:stephweaver@live.com). If you would like to give to the camp scholarship fund, please make your check payable to FMC, designated to Camp Mennoscah Scholarships.

**In these weeks, the office showcase** is featuring Dewayne and Betty Pauls' voluntary service experience for MCC Akron and Melvin and Nancy Pauls' voluntary service experience at Brook Lane Farm in Maryland. The library showcase features Clint and Pat Litsey's voluntary service with the Hopi Indians.

## Community Announcements

**The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series**, with Dala, will be today, 4:00 PM, at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$15 kids, plus tax. Call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats or purchase tickets online at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org).

**Today is the last day to view** *City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign*, a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, 1:30-4:30 PM, at Kauffman Museum.

**Dementia Caregivers Support Group** at Kidron Bethel Village: On the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Sunroom of the Whispering Meadows Unit in Healthcare, Kidron Bethel holds a support group meeting for persons who are caring for loved ones living with dementia. **The next meeting is March 19.** The group is open to participants from the wider Newton community and has affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas. Eric Massanari, KBV Chaplain, and Beth Penner, Associate Director of Independent Living, serve as group facilitators. Please contact Eric Massanari with any questions: 316-836-4829.

**Dam installation at Camp Mennoscah!** On March 22, at approximately 2:00 PM, we will be putting the dam back in. You are invited to watch the process or to help. Wear appropriate clothes for how you plan to participate and for whatever weather may occur. Watch the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page for any changes.

**Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will perform their spring break concert, "Lift Our Voices Together," on Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 PM, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert features a cappella and accompanied works from Renaissance through contemporary composers with special music by soloists and small ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public, with an offering to be collected for tour expenses.

**Service Adventure is a gap year program** for young adults ages 17–20 that provides 10 ½ months of learning “on the field.” Take a break from the classroom, test out a vocation, experience self-discovery, all while serving God and living in Christian community. Learn more at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

**Get ready for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale**—April 17 and 18, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. What can you bring as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needlework items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants and baked foods are much in demand. Donate items for the General, Silent and Children’s Auctions. We call upon quilters to complete their quilts and to gather extra supplies to donate to Quilters’ Corner. Begin to divide house plants and start vegetable plants to sell at Plants and Things and embroider tea towel sets for Kansas Crafts. Participate in the Run for Relief, a 5K run/walk, the Saturday of the sale and gather pledges. Stay up-to-date on all things relating to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale by liking us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale or our website at [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org). If you have pictures of items you are donating, send to [photos@kansas.mccsale.org](mailto:photos@kansas.mccsale.org) to items can be advertised online.

**Join an MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel**, June 4-14, 2020. This deeply impactful and informative trip is open for 14 people to sign up for. On this trip you will meet Palestinian Christians, hear from Israelis and Palestinians about their current challenges and joys, and you will deepen your faith and be empowered to engage in education and advocacy on Palestine and Israel. Visit [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events) to find out more and get signed up for the trip.

**Thousands of Volunteers are needed** for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to be a success April 17 and 18. Sign up to help make New Year’s Cookies; serve or wait tables at Feeding of the Multitude; sell plants and things; or serve Verenike/Sausage in Domestic Arts. Sign up to volunteer online at [kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer](http://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer).

**Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF)** is seeking a half-time Executive Director to start between May and September 2020 who is committed to Anabaptist values and the mission of MHF, has proven skills in administration, communication, and networking, and has an intergenerationally compelling vision for MHF. Interested persons are invited to send a resume and statement of intent, including the broad strokes of your vision and thoughts about a strategic plan, to [president@mennohealth.org](mailto:president@mennohealth.org). More information is at [mennohealth.org](http://mennohealth.org).

**Kitchen staff needed** for summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah! Kitchen volunteers can choose to receive a parent discount up to full camp fees. No special chef, sous chef, or pastry chef skills needed. Kitchen volunteers are needed for June 7-13, June 14-18, June 21-27, July 12-18, July 19-25, and July 26-31. Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290. Free camp tee included.

**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 in Room 225. 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—177; Sunday School—153

**Offering:** Last week’s offering for Local Mission was \$11,395. The offering for March 22 is for Local Missions.

**Receiving or has received care**—Don Penner, Eugene Waltner, NMC.

**Card Shower**—Otis Unruh is celebrating his 99th birthday next Sunday, March 22. His family is requesting a card shower to help him celebrate. Please send cards to: Otis Unruh, 3056 Ivy Ct., Apt. 14, North Newton, KS. 67117.

**We are very grateful** for the good turnout and wonderful support we received from our church family and friends during the Verenike Supper this past week. Before expenses we received \$5,781. Thank you for making it possible for us to do home repair with financially-challenged families this summer on our mission trip in Harlan, Kentucky. There are a few things left over from the meal that we will have for sale in the court area after the service. ~First Mennonite Youth Group

**We welcome you to worship** on this the Third Sunday of Lent. The lit candles on the communion table will decrease in number as we walk through the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday. You will receive a bookmark each Sunday as we ask Jesus to show us how to live when shadows deepen. May God bless our Lenten worship.

**PRAYERS AND HELP NEEDED:** Nurture Commission is in need of additional people to serve on this commission. If you would be interested in helping to plan, implement, and dream about the possibilities for our Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Church Family night programming, please contact Janice Good. We would ask that the need for additional people to serve on this commission be a part of your prayers.

**Another Intergenerational Sunday School Opportunity**—If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, we extend this invitation to you, as well as to those looking for an intergenerational Bible study Sunday School class. Please join us in the Warkentin Room. We will be studying "Justice and the Prophets," using this quarter's Adult Bible Study booklet. You can join us anytime! After Easter, Amanda Rempel will lead us in a series on the book of Ruth. For more information, contact Dwayne Abrahams, or Brent and Cora Voran.