

# Resurrection Practices

## July 5, 2020

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### Meditation music

Melody Bontrager, piano

### Call to worship

Forrest Miller

### Words for the children

Bryan Kehr

### Scripture

Psalm 80:1-3, 8-12, 14-15, 17-18;

Psalm 4:1, 6-8; Acts 11:1-4

Forrest Miller

### Meditation

*Shaping Loyalties*

Susan Jantzen, pastor

### Song

*Step by Step*

Greg, Melody and Seth Bontrager

### Prayers of the church

Anita Kehr, pastor

### Closing music

*New Earth, Heavens New*

Greg, Melody and Seth Bontrager

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

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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

## Prayer and Praise Notes

July 5, 2020

“Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for him; the Lord hears when I call to him. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety” (Psalm 4:3, 8). Give thanks!

Give thanks for this congregation. Pray especially this week in gratitude for the youth.

Praise God for the marriage of Addie Regier and Jeff Kauffman on June 27.

Pray for the youth and adults who will be going on a mission and service trip to Camp Mennoscah this coming week.

Pray for the hope and healing of survivors of sexual abuse.

Pray for those who know the depths of brokenness right now.

Pray for the Church Board as they meet this week and discuss possible plans for reopening. Pray also for both the Church Board and the Search Committee as they are discerning next steps in the transition.

Pray for our week of offering hospitality at New Hope Shelter, beginning this Wednesday.

Pray for the strengthening of commitment to the justice God calls for.

In regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world:

- Pray for those suffering from the illness.
- Pray for health-care workers in this season.
- Pray for those who are experiencing economic devastation.
- Pray for a shared sense of responsibility in our nation in addressing the spread of the virus.
- Pray for protection of the most vulnerable
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of our county, state, nation, and around the world.

From Western District Conference: Pray for a spirit of unity and encouragement among WDC congregations in Texas as they gather for a joint worship service online next Saturday, July 11.

From Mennonite Mission Network: LCC University Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins this month. Pray for Robin Gingerich, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and other administrators as they adapt the program to new realities created by COVID-19.

## Upcoming Worship Services

July 12—Imagining

July 19—Guest Preachers: Roger and Cynthia Neufeld Smith

Copyright information for songs used today:

**Step by Step**

David (Beaker) Strasser

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**New Earth, Heavens New**

Harris Loewen

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### Happy Birthday

Kacie Schmidt—July 7

Kaven Denno—July 8

Stephanie Loganbill—July 9

Donnie Kingsley—July 9

Janet Regier—July 10

Steven Voth—July 11

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## Announcements

**The offering today** is for Mennonite Mission Network and on July 12 it will be for Local Mission. **Online giving for the month of May was \$2,104 and June was \$7,736.**

**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 ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org)) or contact the church office. **YOU REALLY CAN NOW DESIGNATE FUNDS—either for one-time giving or with a profile.**

**Congratulations to** Addie Regier and Jeff Kauffman who were married on June 27. May God grant them many years together.

**The First Mennonite Youth Group** is at Camp Mennoscah this week for a week of service. We have several projects we will be tackling together in a socially-distanced way, and we are looking forward to spending some time together (and apart). We would ask your prayers for successful completion of our projects and for safety and health as we serve, as well as good times of fellowship. Thanks for all your support!

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is July 8-14. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**The places in Harvey County** to get a free test for Covid-19 is at the Harvey County Health Department or Health Ministries Main Clinic.

**Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah!** Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified Family Weekend on July 18-19. Many of the same activities like crafts and s'mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

**The Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be an all-virtual affair held on August 1-2. The theme, "Living in Exile," will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! On August 1, there will be four interactive Zoom webinars to choose from and links to many videos from Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Everence, and more of our partners in ministry! Themes include creation care, reconciliation, mission, and immigration justice, among others. There will be a delegate session. Our congregation is eligible to send 10 delegates, and this year, because of being virtual, each delegate can only carry one vote. So if you're willing to serve in this way, please contact Janice Good, Church Board chair, or Anita Kehr as soon as possible. There is no registration fee, and only delegates are required to register at all! Donations are invited to help cover Assembly costs. Danny Carroll R is the keynote speaker.

**Transition information:** We are continuing our process for finding a transition minister for our church. The Church Board will be discussing ways to keep moving on our search process and filling our need for a transition minister at their July 9 board meeting. Your prayers are still needed and appreciated. Pray for God's leading in all of this and our seeking to listen and respond well.

**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.

**Service Adventure only has five spots remaining** for the 2020-2021 term beginning this fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net) or apply online at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

**Camp Mennoscah is open to a limited number** of individuals, families, and groups for both days and overnights. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for further information. We are excited to make this sacred space available to you!

**Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*,** as a webinar on Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 PM. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting Darlene Buller at 877-467-7294, 316-333-1808 or [darlene.buller@everence.com](mailto:darlene.buller@everence.com).

**Canner Operator**—MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out [mcc.org/canning](http://mcc.org/canning) for details!

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Marketing and Communication department. This collaborative leader will participate in Mennonite Mission Network organizational leadership by guiding effective promotion of our distinct brand and storytelling of our domestic and overseas work that inspires constituents. The Marketing and Communication director works closely with the Director of Donor Relations in the Advancement Division and all other department directors to achieve effective stewardship of the Mission Network brand. Previous supervisory experience as well as experience with 501(c)(3) agencies is needed. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. Embracing cultural diversity and anti-racism is essential. Anticipated start date is late July 2020. View the complete position description on our website at [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net) or contact [staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net](mailto:staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net) for more information.