

# Rest, Restore, Renew

January 17, 2021

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## **Prelude**

*Be still and know that I am God* by Steven Curtis Chapman  
Donna Stucky, piano

## **Welcome**

David Wiebe, worship leader

## **Words for the children**

Jenna Ratzlaff

## **Hymn**

*There is a place of quiet rest* H 5  
Daryl Unruh, leader

## **Scripture reading**

Psalm 51:10-12; Matthew 6:19-21  
David Wiebe

## **Sermon**

*Rest & Restore*  
Kurt Horst, pastor

## **Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church**

Laura Sharp

## **Sending song**

*I heard the voice of Jesus say* H493

## **Sending**

David Wiebe

## **Postlude**

*Kings fold*  
arr. by David Paxton  
Donna Stucky, organist

## Upcoming Worship Services

**January 24**—Pastor Kurt will be preaching—*Rest, Restore & Renew*

**January 31**—Sermon by Masemo Wakibogo, Pastor of the Amani Community Church in Wichita

### Happy Birthday!

Judy Murphy—January 17

Don Penner—January 17

Justin Black—January 18

Barbara Claassen—January 18

Jyl Ewy—January 19

Ib Thomsen—January 19

Erin Graber—January 20

Kinnick Frey—January 22

Ryan Nye—January 22

Betty Pauls—January 22

Sean Claassen—January 23

Mary Enz—January 23

*\*We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage ([firstmennonitenewton.org](http://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, Ryan Goertzen Regier, Ryan Koehn and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

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**Transitional Information:** The Search Committee has met with Heidi Kreider Regier, WDC Conference Minister, for orientation on the interview process with potential pastoral candidates. The next step will be to review Ministerial Leadership Information forms as they are sent to us. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee and Church Board as we move through this journey of discernment for the future pastoral staff.

**Pastor Kurt is often in the office** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you want to stop in you are encouraged to call ahead.

**Adult Bible Study will begin** on Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 PM via Zoom titled: *The Full Armor of God: Standing firm in uncertain times*. Look for the Zoom link sent each week by email.

**High School Youth Group and Sunday School**—we will be meeting for Sunday School at 9:15 AM via Zoom. Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, January 20. Look for more information by email for when and where.

**Homeless Shelter**—Our next week to serve New Hope Homeless Shelter is February 3-9. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

**Offering envelopes**—2021 offering envelopes are in your church mailbox. You are welcome to stop by and pick them up out of your church mailbox or if you would like them mailed to you, please email the church office or call.

### Community Announcements

**Monday, January 18, 6:30 PM**—Bethel College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M'Vyonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at [bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021](https://bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021) Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women's Association.

**MLK Day of Service 2021 is right around the corner!** The Newton Community for Racial Justice invites you to check out this video made by members of our very own Newton community to inspire antiracism and serving our neighbors. [https://youtu.be/eHbA\\_wiiZHM](https://youtu.be/eHbA_wiiZHM)

**Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step***, as a webinar on Tuesday, January 19, 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 our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Join MCC for a free webinar: *The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery***. Mark Charles, a Navajo activist, speaker, and author will be presenting on *The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery*. Along with Soong-Chan Rah, Mark is the author of *Unsettling Truths: The ongoing, dehumanizing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*, Intervarsity Press (2019). The free webinar will take place on Thursday, January 21, 10-11:30 AM. Please register by January 20 at: [mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod](https://mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod) to receive the webinar link.

**MCC Comforter Blitz update:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Kansas Friends of MCC Comforter Blitz in Yoder, KS has been canceled. However, the Blitz committee still has a goal of collecting at least 300 comforters between February and April. We need your help to meet this goal! Fabric kits and comforter sets to tie (top, back, and batting) are available to check out from MCC in North Newton. For contactless drop-off of completed comforters the 24-hour donation room is always available. To arrange drop-off or checkout materials, contact Kate at [kate-mast@mcc.org](mailto:kate-mast@mcc.org), or 316-804-8432.

**Save the date**—at this time, July 2 and 3 are the dates that are set for this year's MCC Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. More information will be coming in the following weeks.

**Kauffman Museum at Bethel College** is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" through January 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, "Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads," created from the museum's permanent exhibit "Of Land and People." The museum is open 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, Tuesday-Friday; 1:30-4:30 PM; Saturday and Sunday; and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission to the "Crossroads" exhibit is free on Saturdays.

**Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff** positions are now being accepted! Although there is a chance positions will change to meet the needs of pandemic-impacted summer youth camps, the current summer staff leadership positions are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, office, and all-round/media. For those 21 years old or older, there is also a Director of Support opening. Find the application and information online at [camp-mennoscah.org](https://camp-mennoscah.org) under Summer Youth Camps!

**The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors** is pleased to announce that Olivia Bartel has accepted the position of Executive Director. Olivia has an undergraduate degree from Bethel College and a Master of Arts from AMBS with a focus in Theological Studies. She has been with Camp Mennoscah since 2008 and is a familiar face on campgrounds and at camp sponsored events. Olivia will continue to be responsible for camp programming while taking on additional supervisory and executive responsibilities. Please join us in congratulating Olivia on her promotion and welcoming her to the role of Executive Director.

**MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities:** Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at [mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities](http://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities).

**Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day** event, Saturday, January 30, 11:00 AM. Starting at 11:00 AM— Food trucks, local producer booths and take-it-home crafts, location is museum parking lot and grounds; 11:00 AM via Zoom—**Glen Ediger**, North Newton: stories about Mennonite ethnic foods; 2:00 PM via Zoom— Jenny Masias, Newton: “The Immigrants Who Built Newton: One Spike at a Time”; walking tour to the eight “Stories Along the Trail” sites in North Newton. Please note that face coverings must be worn and distancing guidelines followed on Kauffman Museum and all Bethel College property. To get Zoom links, go to the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org)

**The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College** is serving up a second helping of *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, which focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org), “Film Series,” for a link to watch *Cooked* for free and a link to register for the February 7 virtual discussion; advance registration is required to participate in the discussion, which will be held in breakout rooms, with leaders who include Chicagoans who experienced the 1995 heat disaster.

**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

## Announcements

**With the continuing high levels of infection in Harvey County**, and the expectation that the holidays will contribute to keeping infection numbers high for most of January, FMC will continue with live-streamed remote worship through the month of January. Decisions about future worship services will be reviewed again near the end of January and made based on infection numbers and county guidelines. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued wise decision making regarding community and individual health and safety.

**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 [firstmennonitenewton.org](http://firstmennonitenewton.org) or contact the church office.

**The offering for the weeks** of January 3 and 10 for Local Missions was \$9,910. The offering for today and for January 24 will be for Local Mission.

**The Church Office will be closed** Monday, January 18, in observance of MLK Day.

**In the church Gathering Area** you will find a log cabin which was made for Tonessa Driskill by her husband. When Tonessa passed away, the Life Sharing Sunday School class, volunteered to clean up her house and storage unit. The family kept what they wanted as mementos of Tonessa. The family then gave the class the freedom to keep or dispose of whatever remained. The class found this log cabin among her things. It needed a little refurbishing which was completed by Doug Graham. The log cabin will be donated to the MCC sale this year. The cabin will be located in the Gathering Area for a number of weeks, if you wish to view it. Please do not touch since there are a number of delicate pieces to the cabin.

**Office hours**—Our church office hours will be different. Staff will mostly be working remotely from home. Pastors Kurt, Susan and Tammy will be available by email or by their cell number. Tracy will be in the Church Office on Monday mornings and on Thursday afternoon, and the other days will be working from home. She is always available by email. Tracy will check phone messages left on the church phone each Monday and Thursday. Please feel free to get in contact with one of us if you need anything. We will practice this way until January and then we will reevaluate again.

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