

Deep Calls to Deep

February 28, 2021

Prelude

Lamb of God by Straightway Music
Nora Miller, piano

Welcome

Marsha Schmidt, worship leader

Lighting of candles

Quiet reflection
All Who Are Thirsty VT 49

Words for the children

Sara Rickard

Hymn

Oceans VT 456
Joey Menninga, leader

Scripture reading

Psalm 42:1-8; Luke 8:22-25
Marsha Schmidt

Sermon

Deeper than the Mighty Rolling Sea
Susan Jantzen, pastor

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Dennis Good

Sending song

Build My Life VT 92
Joey Menninga, leader

Sending

Marsha Schmidt, worship leader

Postlude

Give Thanks by Henry Smith
Nora Miller, piano

Upcoming Worship Services

March 7—In-Person Worship—Deep Calls to Deep: Worship—Mark 11:15

Pastor Kurt, preaching

March 14—Deep Calls to Deep: Restoration—Mark 14:3—Pastor Kurt, preaching

Happy Birthday!

Daryl Unruh—February 28

Alex Goering—March 1

Luke Myers—March 3

Larry Becker—March 4

Sharon Harder—March 4

Jeremy Ewy—March 6

Maura Thieszen—March 6

Jennie Wintermote—March 6

**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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Musicians: Nora Miller; Joey Menninga, leader. Thank you to Michelle Claassen for the visual art.

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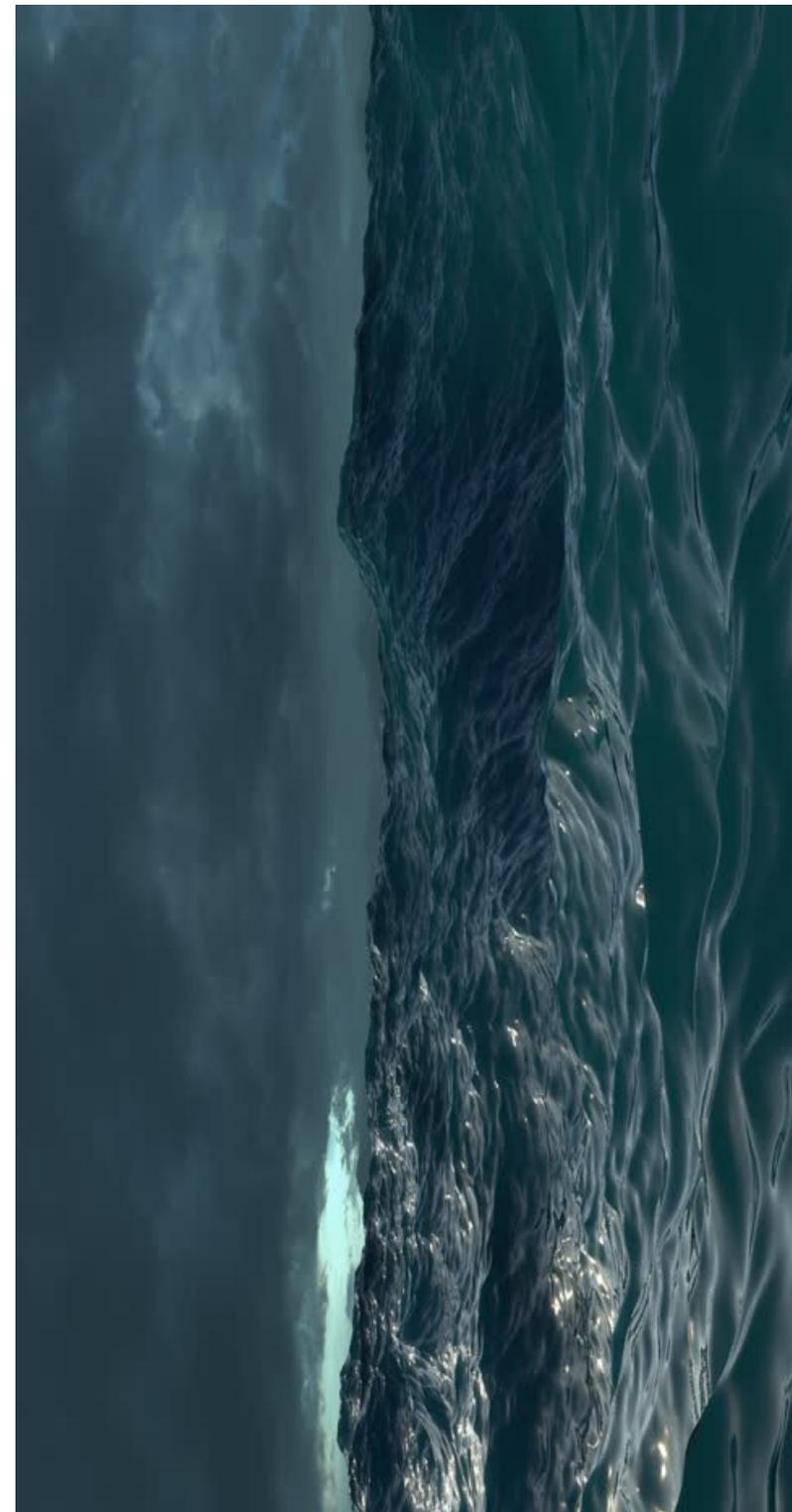
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Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday School on Sunday, February 28 - 9:15 AM on Zoom. Watch your email for an invitation and link.
- Youth Group on Wednesday, March 3 from 7:00-8:30 PM at First Mennonite Church. We are beginning our prep work for the March Faspa and need everyone's help! You get to be an artist and help with the decorations. See you promptly with your paint hats on!

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

The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$5,045 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Ken Fast serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

Church Library Books—The restrictions of Covid19 slowed the process of getting new books on our church library shelves. However, there are now more than 50 new adult fiction, nonfiction, and children's book available in our library. The new fiction books are on the shelves labeled "newer books." The nonfiction books are on the cart, and the children's books are displayed above the children's shelves. A list of the books will be included in the March newsletter, but are welcome to check out books at any time.

Transitional Information: Announcements—The Search Committee continues to follow the search for settled pastors journey by reviewing Ministerial Leadership Forms as they are sent to us by Western District Conference. As MLI's are available that the Search Committee feel would be a candidate we would like to talk with references are checked and interviews are scheduled. It is exciting to be working in this phase of our journey as we are moving closer and closer to finding our settled pastoral staff. Please continue praying for God's discernment and leading during this phase of our search to find pastoral staff to be a part of FMC and our future.

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 Rod Schmidt.

Community Announcements

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.

Bethel College's two small a cappella ensembles, Open Road (men) and Woven (women) will be featured in the monthly concert series at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita, via livestream on Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 PM. To view, go to youtube.com/watch?v=9NjlrPGFuTM (Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita, on YouTube).

MC USA's annual Lent at Home guide is now available for download at: www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/.

Registration is open for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah! Spaces are limited; we will make more spaces available as possible on a first-registered basis. The waitlist is your friend!

Verenike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah on March 13! Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7. You can also call 620-297-3290. This fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps and retreats. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on March 13. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as smooth and amazing as possible!

Use your skills or try something new! Join the summer staff of MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Join the Youth Venture Civil Rights Tour! Visit places of historical significance, hear stories and learn why our faith calls us to stand against injustice and with the oppressed. Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture for more information on this summer trip.

Announcements

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more! Serve, learn and grow in faith through intentional community!

SOOP (Service Opportunities with our Partners) is accepting applications! Use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. This program is flexibly designed for retirees, families and adults over 25. Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more!

MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home update—We are half-way through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300 completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! All the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC are at mcc.org/blitz-at-home. Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact kate-mast@mcc.org or 804-8432 with questions. Need batting? Contact Charlotte's Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at 284-2547. And THANK YOU to everyone working to create beautiful comforters for MCC.

MCC Alumni Gathering—July 9-11 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! All MCC alumni are invited to Colorado to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering, all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at mcc.org/alumni-gathering.

Looking for kitchen staff and nurses! Camp Mennoscah is filling volunteer and stipend positions for kitchen staff and nurses for the upcoming 2021 summer. Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

Service Adventure is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term! Grow in leadership and faith, as you spend a year serving and living in community with others your age and with unit leaders. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure to learn more!

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

With the continuing lower levels of Covid-19 infections in Harvey County, the decision has been made to return to limited in-person worship at First Mennonite beginning Sunday, March 7. Protocols for masks, distancing and related safety practices will be in place as we return. Live streaming of services will continue and persons with concerns or pre-existing health conditions are encouraged to continue to isolate. *Let's continue to be patient, flexible and extend grace to all.*

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 or contact the church office.

The offering today is for Local Mission. On March 7, offering will be for Western District Conference. Local Mission offering for February 7 and 14 was \$19,031.

DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN THEIR FAITH FORMATION? We have a wonderful FMC opportunity to do so! Nurture Commission is in need of two additional people to work in this important children's ministry of our church. This is a wonderful dedicated group of people involved with leadership in this program and they are in need of more help. If you have an interest or questions, please contact Janice Good.

Thank you to the very kind family who donated several children's books to the church library last week. We are so very grateful for the donation. Over the next few weeks, we will get them labeled and out on the shelves so the kids can check them out.

The next quarter Sunday School materials are here. You can stop by the church and pick up the books in the Gathering Area.

From March 7 through Easter, our scripture texts in worship will match those being explored in our two virtual elementary Sunday School classes.

Coming soon! The FMC Youth Group will be hosting a March Fundraiser Faspas Carryout meal, Wednesday, March 10, 5:00-7:00PM. The meal includes zweiback (double decker yeast rolls), sliced ham, cheese, coleslaw, pickle, cherry moos (pudding). Vegetarian, Gluten/dairy/sugar-free options are available upon request. We are also offering delivered meals to elderly shut-ins. Please be aware of the order deadline of March 8, by emailing: firstmennoniteyouthfaspas@gmail.com or calling the church office (283-0273).