

Deep Calls to Deep: Worship, Restoration, and Healing

March 14, 2021

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Prelude

Jesus walked this lonesome valley arr by Dale Wood
Amanda Rempel, organist

Welcome

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Lighting of candles

Quiet reflection
All Who Are Thirsty VT 49
Joan Entz, quartet

Words for the children

Ken Frey

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision VT 549
Joan Entz, leader

Scripture reading

Mark 14:3– 9
Chris Weaver

Sermon

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Kurt Horst, pastor

Confession and Assurance

Deep calls to deep.
From the depths of our hearts we long for you, O God.

We confess that concerns about waste
have sometimes limited our worship and our welcome.
We confess that concerns about appearing to be good
have limited our opportunities to receive healing.

It is our desire to be healed and restored.
It is your desire to heal and restore.

(pause)

Deep calls to deep
Your restoration draws us into worship.
Your healing empowers us to include others.
Thank You.
We respond with praise.

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Larry Entz

Sending song

What is the World Like VT 298
Joan Entz, leader

Announcements and sending words

Chris Weaver, worship leader

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
by Stainer and Conkey/arr Cassler
Amanda Rempel, organist

after the postlude is finished, the ushers will then dismiss the congregation

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**

Upcoming Worship Services

March 21—Deep calls to Deep: Trust; Mark 14:12-26-June Thomsen preaching

March 28—Deep calls to Deep: Hope; Mark 14 and 15- Pastor Kurt preaching

April 1—Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM

April 4—**EASTER**—Deep calls to Deep: Go, Tell; Mark 16-Pastor Kurt preaching

Happy Birthday!

Jean Ann Unruh—March 15

Melanie Koop—March 16

Ken Regier—March 17

Sarah Myers—March 18

Sara Reimer—March 19

Kim Stahly—March 19

Timothy Wiens—March 20

**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, Ryan Koehn, Joey Menninga and Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Amanda Rempel, Joan Entz, quartet leader. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday, March 14—Sunday School at 9:15 AM—watch your email for a Zoom link!
- Wednesday, March 17—7:00-8:30 PM. No Youth Group. Instead, GIRL'S NIGHT! The girls will be making Easter eggs using a Ukrainian "pysanky" batik techniques. This event is "Bring Your Own Egg" - Check your previous email for details, watch for new information on email as well, or contact Janet (phone: 316-283-6672, e-mail: djregier@gmail.com).
- Remember to watch your email for information, updates or other changes.
- And, for future planning—Part 3 of Winter Retreat is March 28! Save the date!

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.

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 2021-2022 school year, you are invited to apply for scholarship funds from FMC. **By no later than Sunday, April 11, 2021**, 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; or, by contacting Ron Dietzel or Jyl Ewy.

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

The new updated Yearbooks are in your church mailbox. If you no longer need the old one, please consider recycling it to the Church Office so that we may reuse the binding off the old books. If you would like your Yearbook mailed to you, please contact the Church Office

Transitional Information: Announcements—Ministerial Leadership Information forms are being reviewed with success and interest being discerned for candidates on our pastoral search. This is the part of the process that will feel like things are not happening, but please be assured that the journey continues. We are moving through the steps of this process. This part of the path is confidential, so much cannot be shared yet but will be soon, if all goes well. Please continue to remember the Search Committee and this discernment journey in your prayers.

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.

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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.

Community Announcements

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!

All women and girls are invited to the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8, 7:00 PM. In lieu of attending our annual Spring Supper, gather with us for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times" offered by special guest speaker and freelance minister, Georgia Metz, M. Div. Special music will be provided by Erin Regier Graber and Addie Regier Kauffman. Email WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

Join Mennonite Church USA's Iris de León-Hartshorn and Frank Scoffield of Pasadena Mennonite Church as they interview author Felipe Hinojosa about his new book, *Apostles of Change*, in a webinar March 17, 7:00 PM (ET). Hinojosa will share stories about how Latino activists transformed churches into staging grounds for protests against urban renewal and displacement. Spanish interpretation provided. Register by March 16 here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-hinojosa>.

We are ready to rock! Preparation for the Amphitheater Improvement project was completed in the Summer of 2020 and we are ready to finish this project up. Work days are scheduled for the following days: March 12 to 13, March 26 to 27, April 2 to 3, April 9 to 10, May 14-15. These opportunities to get involved are on Fridays and Saturday, come on out for one or both days, and part or all day. Ask about lodging if you would like to stay overnight. A team of five volunteers will work from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day installing the new stone benches. There will be stone to cut, move, clean and set along with a whole lot mortar to mix up. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you when you come, and plan to arrive at the north cabin area to check in around 9:00 AM. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer for this project.

The Lenten season is upon us! Find Mennonite Church USA's Lent at Home 2021 resource for home-based guided daily and weekly worship — for all ages — here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

Bohne Berrogi Sales—As with many things related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, the usual order of business will not be possible due to Covid-19. To make sure that people have the opportunity to purchase and take home some bohne berrogi, the Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on April 3. The Bohne Berrogi will be sold, by the dozen, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM . The cost will be \$20.00 a dozen, NO sauce will be provided. No advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi unless some are not sold. Left overs will be froze and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July. Come to Moundridge High School between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM on April 3 and support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

One Day Event for Grades 7-12 on March 20! Camp Mennoscah's Youth Volunteer Weekend is one full day of service projects, worship, lunch and socially distanced fellowship. Register online, email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Masks are required.

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!

Save the dates for upcoming events at Bethel College: April 25—KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Leonard Pitts (virtual). Registration is now open at kipcor.org. April 30-May 1—(including Saturday matinee): spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson (in person). May 2—outdoor choral concert.

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.

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!

Announcements

It's great to be able to join in limited in-person worship. As we return to worship remember:

- Be humble, patient, careful, and gracious toward all who come and toward all who don't yet feel safe and comfortable gathering in person.
- Wear masks, keep social distance, and save person-to-person conversations for outdoors.
- Exit from the back and move outside as directed by the ushers.

The offering today and March 21 is for Local Mission. 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 FMC Youth Group served approximately 242 Faspa meals at our Spring Faspa Supper on Wednesday, March 10! We want to thank you for coming, letting us serve you, and leaving donations. We are looking forward to a service trip this summer that your generosity helps fund and your example of giving helps inspire. Again, thanks! Your support means very much to all of us, and we appreciate it—now and all year long! **Oh, and LEFTOVERS of certain parts of the meal will be available after church on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.**

The Property Committee is looking for an individual or individuals who would be interested in taking care of the church grounds this growing season. This would include mowing and trimming around the church building. If interested or have questions, please contact a Property member : Brent Voran, Mason Unruh, Rod Wedel, or Kevin Hamm.

Sign up for summer camp at Camp Mennoscah is here again! Things will be different at camp this year—you can find out more about that and sign up for camp on their web site www.campmennoscah.org. I encourage you to do that ASAP as they are accepting less campers this year due to the pandemic. As we have in the past, the Nurture Commission will provide a \$100 scholarship to each camper from FMC and Casa Betania. To receive a camp scholarship from FMC, email Stephanie Weaver, please include the camper's name, parents' names, and which week your child is going to camp. The \$100 scholarship will be paid directly to camp.

Camp Mennoscah scholarship fund: We need funds to support our children! If you would like to donate to the camp scholarship fund (which provides \$100 towards the costs for each camper), please make your check payable to FMC, designated to [Camp Mennoscah Scholarships](#).