

Deep Calls to Deep: Trust

March 21, 2021

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Prelude

I want Jesus to walk with me

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Donna Stucky, pianist

Welcome

Sean Claassen, worship leader

Lighting of candles

Quiet reflection

All Who Are Thirsty VT 49

Daryl Unruh, quartet

Words for the children

Sheralyn Goering

Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met To Worship VT 25

Daryl Unruh, leader

Scripture reading

Exodus 16:1-8; Psalm 31:9-16; Mark 14:12-26

Sean Claassen

Sermon

Trust

June Thomsen

Confession and Assurance

Deep calls to deep.

We call to You from the depths of our hearts.

We confess that Jesus' call to us

reveals our weakness.

We confess that Jesus' presence with us
uncovers the deep love Jesus
has for us in our deep need.

(pause)

Deep calls to deep.

Even in disappointment, you call us to trust the
work of Jesus within us and around us.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Dennis Good

Sending song

Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God VT 653

Daryl Unruh, leader

Announcements and sending words

Sean Claassen, worship leader

Postlude

Jesus, Lover of my Soul

arr. by Paul Manz

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

April 1—Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM.

Communion will be offered.

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

Happy Birthday!

Renee Hamm—March 21

Aaron Myers—March 22

Anne Wiens—March 23

Cruz Dorado—March 24

Nancy Waltner—March 24

Jakob Graber—March 27

Kim Stahly—March 19

**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, Sarah Koehn, and Melody Enns are operating the necessary systems for our worship.*

Musicians: Donna Stucky, Daryl Unruh, quartet leader. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021**

Transitional Information: Announcements—The Search Committee has completed two interviews with a candidate and will be presenting this candidate to the Church Board in the very near future. If the Church Board affirms this candidate, the next step for the Search Committee will be to organize a candidating weekend of activities that will conclude with a worship service where the candidate will preach. A vote of the congregation will follow this weekend. This is an exciting possibility for the congregation and a big step towards finding our new pastoral staff. Please continue prayers for the Search Committee and Church Board as we move through the steps to finalize this candidate and as we continue to see additional pastoral candidates.

CHURCH BOARD DECISION: The Church Board made a decision concerning the future of the 510 East Second Street house at their March meeting. The house had a broken water pipe in the basement occur during the extremely cold weather we experienced in February. Since the house has not been used much by Casa Betania due to Covid restrictions on gathering, no one noticed the water in the basement until it was at the top of the basement steps and flowing outside of the house. The furnace, water heater, electrical panel were all underwater. The water was been pumped out of the house and the water and electrical service have been shut off. Because of the damage to the basement and the necessary services for the house to be usable an evaluation was done of the overall condition of the house and garage. It is in need of major renovation inside and outside of both structures. The options for the house were reviewed by the Church Board and it was decided that demolition of the house and garage would be more cost effective and better stewardship of our finances than renovation. A bid of approximately \$18,000 was accepted by the Board for removal of the house, garage, foundations, and driveway. The basement will be filled in and the lot will be cleared. The demolition of the house, garage, and driveway will be scheduled as soon as the utilities are removed from the house. Property and Nurture Commissions are working with Casa Betania to locate meeting, office, and storage space within our building. The Church Board felt strongly that we wanted to continue to partner with Casa Betania in use of our space for their needs. The Casita, as Casa Betania calls it, has been their small church for many years now and we want to recognize that this is a loss for Casa Betania. Please pray for the transition and for Casa Betania as they adjust to their new spaces with our building.

~Janice Good, Church Board Chair

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. In your email, 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.

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 scholar-

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- Sunday, March 21—Sunday School at 9:00 AM—watch your email for a Zoom link!
- Wednesday night Youth Group on March 24, 7:00 PM—watch email for details. Sunday, March 28, will be the concluding session of our Winter Retreat. Plan to be together for a day of work and worship, prayer and planning, and fun and fellowship! Lots of details coming in email and on Wednesday night (3/24) - make sure you are planning to attend!

ship 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.

Community Announcements

We need volunteers for the dam! Camp Mennoscah is currently seeking a team of 5 to 10 volunteers to install the dam in the river. Completing this project will provide the opportunity for much fishing, boating and swimming for the upcoming season. We are excited to get in the water and encourage you to join us today, 3:00-5:00 PM. Dress according to the weather conditions and we'll have a snack ready to enjoy after we are done. Let us know you are coming or just head on out, see you then! Connect with us at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org

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.

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 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.

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.

Combine your faith with action and join MVS! Serve with the Center for Restorative Programs in Alamosa, Colorado, where you will assist in empowering and uplifting the community through restorative justice practices. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS today to learn more and sign up!

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!

Looking for HUGE tents! Camp Mennoscah is looking for at least 2 more tents that hold approximately 8-10 bunk beds for summer youth camps (18' X 36'). These would be (similar) to the ones used for Senior High Camp (military tents repurposed for peace). The cost to purchase one is approximately \$2600. If you have one stored away and are willing to lend it to Camp Mennoscah for the summer, please contact us at 620-297-3290.

There are volunteer opportunities for you! Camp Mennoscah continually has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Email: office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

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.

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 for today and for March 28 is Local Mission. The offering from March 7 and 14 for Local Mission was \$13,830.

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 first-mennonitenewton.org or contact the church office.

Visitation for Mary Enz will be tonight, March 21, 5:00-7:00PM, here at FMC. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, March 22, at Grace Community Church in order to accommodate the number of persons anticipated while maintaining required social distancing. The family requests that persons attending the visitation and the Celebration of Life service to please wear masks at all times. Please continue to hold Jim and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks for your support of the Youth Group! Donations for the Spring Faspa totaled more than \$3,800, and that money will be used for our summer service activity. Thank you again for your generosity and care for the youth all year round.

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.

Our Holy Week Maundy Thursday service is April 1, 7:00 PM, in the sanctuary. Communion will be offered. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment." This year will be a Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is Latin for darkness, and refers to candles that will be extinguished during readings from Mark's gospel. In-person worshippers will be masked and social distanced. The service will be livestreamed. Those watching from home, please have communion elements ready. May God's Spirit prepare our hearts.

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.