

# Palm Sunday

## March 28, 2021

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### **Prelude**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
William H. Monk  
arr. Cindy Berry  
Melody Bontrager, pianist

### **Welcome**

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

### **Lighting of candles**

Quiet reflection  
*All Who Are Thirsty* VT 49  
Joey Menninga, viola and Kurt Horst

### **Words for the children**

Andrea Enns Regier

### **Hymn**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* by John Carter  
Ben's Band

### **Scripture reading**

Mark 14:32-42 and 15:1-5  
Wendy Funk Schrag

### **Sermon**

*Deep Calls to Deep: Hope and Expectation*  
Pastor Kurt Horst

### **Confession and Assurance**

Deep calls to deep.  
We call to you from the depths of our longings.  
We confess our impatience in the midst of our  
often hurried, yet sometimes empty busyness.

We confess that we sometimes get entangled in  
the undercurrents of our culture's angst,  
entangled in our own faithless demands and expectations,  
and become vulnerable to the resulting despair and bitterness.

We confess our need to trust you,  
and to remain steadfast in prayer.

We turn to you, Jesus, for the reassurance that sin,  
evil, death, and darkness cannot separate us from your love and grace.

(pause)

Deep calls to deep.

Jesus, out of the depths of your own suffering love you call to us.

You reassure us.

You refine our expectations.

You restore our hope.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come!

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

Renee Hamm

### **Sending song**

*Hosanna*  
Joey Menninga, leader

### **Announcements and sending words**

Wendy Funk Schrag, worship leader

### **Postlude**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*  
Melchior Teschner  
arr. Jan Sanborn  
Melody Bontrager, pianist

The church bell will be rung 71 times in honor of Mary Enz, who passed away  
March 15. The congregation will remain seated for the bell ringing and then  
be dismissed by ushers following the bell ringing.

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**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.

**April 11**—Dwight Regier will be preaching.

### Happy Birthday!

John Good—March 28

Christina Stang—March 29

June Thomsen—March 29

Linda Ewert—March 29

Kelson Graber—March 30

Ellie W.—March 30

Betty Roth—April 1

*\*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 Koehn, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Melody Bontrager, Joey Menninga. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

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**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.

**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](http://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 at [stephweaver@live.com](mailto:stephweaver@live.com). 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 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.

### Community Announcements

**Thank you, thank you** to all the volunteers who helped with Youth Volunteer projects and with putting in the dam! We are grateful you are willing to share your time and energy doing projects that make Camp Mennoscah safe and fun!

**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](mailto:WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com) to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH



- 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!

**Spring Play: *Superior Donuts***—Presented in the Black Box Theater in Keim Center at Hesston College on April 14-17, 7:00 PM and April 18, 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students and can be purchased at: [www.hesston.edu/theatre](http://www.hesston.edu/theatre).

**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: 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://kipcor.org). April 30-May 1—(including Saturday matinee): spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson (in person). May 2—outdoor choral concert.

## Announcements

**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](http://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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time** Director of Development, Marketing and Communications to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors while taking directive from the Executive Director when related to operational considerations. As a member of a small, very hands-on staff, the role is expected to be highly collaborative. This professional must embrace the mission of Camp Mennoscah, have an established background in coordinating nonprofit donation strategies, possess strong written, interpersonal, leadership and relationship building skills, and work as an independent contributor with good organization and follow-through. Most of the work will commence off campus, however some in-person time at camp is required. This role involves organizing broad-based fundraising initiatives, advocating for Camp Mennoscah through speaking engagements, promotional materials, and social media, as well as recruiting volunteers, and building relationships with board members, donors and staff. Our ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree, a minimum of five years of fund development experience, or equivalent experience in church relations, and a passion for Camp Mennoscah. They should also be familiar with office related applications, and other technology used for communication and social media. Experience with CampBrain and the associated donor database is a plus. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and early submission is encouraged. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements) to [campmennojobs@att.net](mailto:campmennojobs@att.net).

**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

**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** is Local Mission and for April 4, offering is for Mennonite Mission Network.

**First Mennonite Church by the numbers**—Attendance for March 21: Worship—89

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

**Thank you to the Property Committee and all the volunteers** who helped this last week with the clean up of water in the rooms in the south end of the basement.

**Mark your calendars** for the Spring Congregational Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, April 11, 1:00 PM.

**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 this Thursday, 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.

**The Church Office will be closed** on Friday, April 2, in observance of Good Friday.

**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](#).