

Deep Calls to Deep: Worship

March 7, 2021

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This arr. Sanborn
Melody Bontrager, piano

Welcome

Amanda Entz, worship leader

Lighting of candles

Quiet reflection
All Who Are Thirsty VT 49
Carol Entz, flute; Melody Bontrager, piano

Words for the children

Andrea Regier

Hymn

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

Scripture reading

Mark 11:15-19; 12:38-44
Amanda Entz

Sermon

Deep calls to deep: Worship and the Money Changers
Kurt Horst, pastor

Confession and Assurance

Deep calls to deep.
From the depths of our being we call to you, O God.
We confess that we become blind to our unjust actions,
and anxious when you disrupt our routines.
We have failed to see as you see.
We have failed to see as our neighbors see.
We have failed to see as your word would have us see.

And then our anxiety for today steals our vision for tomorrow,
And our anxiety about tomorrow steals our generosity today.

(pause)

Deep calls to deep
Your grace and your mercy call us from the shallowness of
our self-centered living
Into the depths of your love and forgiveness.
Thank you.
We respond in worship!

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

Sending song

Where Justice Rolls Down Bob Stromberg
Ben's Band

Announcements and sending words

Amanda Entz, worship leader

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory arr. Sanborn
Melody Bontrager, piano

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 14—Deep calls to Deep: Worship and Restoration; Mark 14:3-9-Pastor Kurt preaching

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!

Jeff Enns—March 7

Kevin Miller—March 8

Rebecca Schrag—March 8

Madelynn Hamm—March 13

Clarence Rempel—March 13

**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, Ryan Goertzen Regier and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Melody Bontrager, Carol Entz, Ben's Band. Thank you to Cindy Unruh for the visual art.*

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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021**

SR. HIGH YOUTH



- **Sunday, March 7**—Sunday School at 9:15 AM- watch your email for a Zoom link!
- **YRODBS at 3:00 PM**—watch your email for a location. We will be meeting OD (OutDoors)!
- **Tuesday, March 9**—Come one and all as soon as possible after school for our zweiback making marathon. Supper provided.
- **Wednesday, March 10, MARCH FASPA NIGHT**—We need everyone to come help with set up, serving, and cleanup for the big fundraiser. Come as soon after school as possible!
- Remember to watch your email for updates or other changes.
- And, for future planning—**Part 3 of Winter Retreat is March 28!** Save the date!

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.

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

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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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.

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

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.

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!

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.

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! 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!

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.

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 for the first time since October 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.

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 Western District Conference. On March 14, offering will be for Local Mission. Local Mission offering for February 21 and 28 was \$4,275. Online giving for Local Mission for the month of February was \$5,901.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you, our church family, for your prayers, support, meals, memorial donations, and many other acts of kindness shown to us throughout Bob's illness and following his death. We are grateful for your love and care as we journey through these difficult weeks of grief and adjustment to losing our husband, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa.

~Sincerely, Mary Lou Schmidt and family

Thank you for all the prayers, words, cards, plants, and flowers that have been given to show your love and care for us following Elaine's mother's death.

~Elaine and Pastor Kurt

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.

Coming soon! The FMC Youth Group will be hosting a March Fundraiser Fasma Carryout meal, this 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: firstmennoniteyouthfaspa@gmail.com. or calling the church office (283-0273).