

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

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Prelude

The Wonderful Cross
arr. Victor Labenske
Nora Miller pianist

Welcome

Pastor Susan Jantzen, worship leader
Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed!

Christ is Risen

Christ is Risen, indeed!

Christ is Risen,

Christ is Risen, indeed!

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today VT 346
Verses 1 and 4

Words for the children

Andrea Enns Regier

Hymn

I Looked Up and I Saw My Lord a "Coming
Ben's Band

Scripture reading

Mark 16:1-8
Pastor Susan Jantzen

Sermon

Deep Calls to Deep: Go Tell
Pastor Kurt Horst

Words of affirmation and proclamation

Deep calls to deep.

He is risen.

We give thanks from the depth of our being.

Once weeping and uncertain, today we proclaim:

Jesus is Lord.

Once disappointed by unmet expectations, we now understand in new ways:

He is risen.

Once critical, now humbled and healed, we proclaim:

Jesus is trustworthy and his promises are true.

Once insecure, self-righteous, and defensive sinners,
now forgiven and loved, we proclaim:

All are welcome to come and live by the power of the resurrected Jesus.

The resurrection calls us to proclaim, for any who will listen:

He is risen! Sin and death are vanquished, light and love have conquered.

He is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Prayers for the offering and prayers of the church

Laura Sharp

Sending song

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest

Sending words

Pastor Susan Jantzen, worship leader

Postlude

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
arr. Cindy Berry
Nora Miller, pianist

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

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Upcoming Worship Services

April 11—Dwight Regier is coordinating the message.

Thank you

It was with great sadness and hardship that we laid Mary to rest, and said our last good-byes this past week. It is now with a greater anticipation that we look forward to our reunion with her even more.

Mary was diagnosed with leukemia in 2014. Most recently this mutated to lymphoma, which quickly spread the cancer into her spinal fluid. This is a very rare form of cancer and normally not seen. We had all the confidence and respect for the Newton Medical Cancer Center staff, especially with her oncologist, Dr Joseph Nanny.

Mary put up a courageous fight until the end. Two weeks ago we were on our way to another appointment in Wichita, when she turned to me and asked, "Jim, what are we doing?" My response was, "to make you better." One week later she passed away.

Mary recently told someone that she was in a win-win situation. If I live I am with my family, if I die I am with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We want to thank you for being a caring congregation, for all the prayers, cards, and words of comfort. and especially to the Living Stones SS class who stood by her side all the way. Many of you, plus other believers stormed the gates of Heaven with many prayers for her. For that we are most grateful and overwhelmed. Mary made it home for Easter.

From our family, Jim, Crystal and Joel, Nick and Lisa, Jodi and Brian, Collin, Brett, Lily, Owen, and Jack

We will be live-streaming our worship beginning at 10:30 AM. You may view it on our webpage (firstmennonitenevton.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 Alex Goering are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Nora Miller, Ben's Band. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art.

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SR. HIGH YOUTH



- Sunday, April 4—Sunday School at 9:00 AM—watch your email for a Zoom link!
- Wednesday night Youth Group on April 7, 7:00 PM—We will be meeting at the church in Fellowship Hall for Youth Council. Bring your calendars and your ideas for upcoming weeks.
- Sunday, April 11--Worship at 10:30 AM--Youth Sermon! Be there to do your part! AND—parents and Youth are invited to meet after church in Fellowship Hall to talk about the Summer Mission Trip! This meeting will start as soon as we can after church.

The Outreach, Mission and Peace Commission would like to offer **Be The Bridge 101**, an online live learning course on race in the US. The course is designed to help white folks develop a deeper understanding of what is meant by the four W's, "white supremacy, white fragility, white identity, white privilege". The course involves some reading, and one live session per week for 4 weeks, beginning April 8. An FMC follow-up conversation after each session is encouraged as well. Outreach will cover the \$25/person registration fee, and participants may purchase the downloadable learning guide for \$10. Check it out at <https://bethebridge.com/btb101/>. Contact a member of Outreach to learn more, or contact Bev Regier to register.

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 at 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

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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!

Men and Boys Retreat, April 16-18, at Camp Mennoscah! Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Spend time fishing, canoeing, worshiping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. People are welcome Friday, but no meals or entertainment will be provided. Meals available for an additional cost. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

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.

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.

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.

2021 Summer Staff! Camp Mennoscah's summer staffers are Anna Lubbers, Beth Balzer, **Karina Brandt, Emily Brandt, Schyler Entz, Ethan Entz,** Seth Rudeen, Ben Rudeen, and John Koontz. We are excited to have them be part of the summer camp staff and they are ready for an absolutely rootin', tootin' summer! Start your prayers now for these staffers and for all who are part of the summer youth program!

Happy Birthday!

Brooklyn Erb—April 4
Sammie Simmons—April 4
Barb Unruh—April 4
Ronald Dietzel—April 7
Joan Boese—April 8
Jim Jantzen—April 8
Kathy Andres—April 9
Dewayne Pauls—April 9
Amy Regier—April 9
Linda Shelly—April 9

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 is for Mennonite Mission Network and for April 11, it will be 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.

First Mennonite Church by the numbers—Attendance for March 28: Worship—76.

Next Sunday, April 11, 1:00 PM, we will have our Spring Congregational Meeting. Agenda items include reports from the Pastors, Church Board, Treasurer, Audit Committee, Stewardship and Capital Fund Committees and the latest update on pastoral search. An introduction to the new church management system will be presented. Current plans are to have a combined meeting via zoom with an in-person meeting in the sanctuary.

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](#).

Homeless Shelter Week—Our next week to serve at the Homeless Shelter is April 14-20. Meals will continue to be dropped off at the front door. They are also asking for evening volunteers, for those who are comfortable. Masks are required for volunteers and residents inside the shelter. If you are able to help, contact Lee Penner at 316-284-2154 or Ruby Moore at 620-837-4876.

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.