

# *The Master Teaches Us to Pray*

## August 22, 2021

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### **Gathering**

#### **Welcome**

Sean Claassen, worship leader

#### **Meditation music**

*This is My Father's World* Franklin L Shepherd/arr. Cindy Berry  
Jyl Ewy, pianist

#### **Call to worship**

Sean Claassen, worship leader

### **Listening**

#### **Words for the children**

Ken Frey

#### **Worship song**

*Hosanna, Praise is Rising*  
Joey Menninga, leader

#### **Prayer for the offering—Local Missions**

Sean Claassen, worship leader

#### **Scripture reading**

Matthew 6:5-15  
Sean Claassen, worship leader

#### **Sermon**

*The Master Teaches Us to Pray*  
Rev. Michelle Rucker, Pastor of Halls A.M.E. Church, Newton

#### **Prayers of the church**

Laura Sharp

### **Sending**

#### **Sending song**

*Cornerstone*  
Joey Menninga, leader

#### **Announcements and benediction**

Sean Claassen, worship leader

#### **Postlude**

*How He Loves Us* John Mark McMillan  
Joey Menninga, leader; Jyl Ewy, pianist

**All rows remain seated during postlude.**

**Thank you.**

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*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, Sarah Koehn, Ryan Koehn, and Eric Murphy are operating the necessary systems for our worship. Musicians: Jyl Ewy, Joey Menninga, Joan Entz. Thank you to Carol Goering for the visual art. Property Committee: John Good.*

## Upcoming Worship Services

**August 29**—Installation of Pastor Laura Goerzen and Laura will also preach.

**September 5**—Pastor Laura preaching.

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### Happy Birthday!

Derek Entz—August 22

Louise Janzen—August 24

Bethanie Wedel—August 24

LaWanda Wiens—August 25

Pat Denno—August 26

Dwight Claassen—27

Nick Sharp—August 27

Brent Voran—August 27

Isaac Entz—August 28

**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



**First Mennonite Church  
Newton, KS  
August 22, 2021**

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**Transitional Information:** It's all good news about the work of finding our second settled pastor! The Search Committee is reviewing Ministerial Information Forms for possible candidates and scheduling interviews for candidates we feel would be a possible "fit" for FMC. This is the part of the journey that is confidential so specific information cannot be shared but as soon as it is possible to announce a candidate we will be happy to do so. The other good news on our settled pastor journey is we are moving closer and closer to Pastor Laura's start date and installation. Tomorrow will be Laura's first day in the office and next Sunday, August 29, will be her installation service. Prayers for both aspects of our process continue to be appreciated. We are moving closer and closer to a fully staffed pastoral team!

**The south, east, and west doors have a new keypad/system.** We are in the process of improving our door keypad/camera system. When you use any of these doors, touch the screen, and then the pin symbol on the lower right. Then you will enter your door code and add four ones (1111) at the end of your code. You will not enter the star (\*). **All doors** now have a keypad that have a bell for you to push to be let in the church if you do not have a code and come during office hours. When coming to the church and you need the door unlocked to get in, please hold the bell symbol on the pad until it chimes and the office will then be able to communicate with you through the intercom. Contact the Church Office if you need help with using the new keypads.

**Invitations to sign up for *Realm*,** our new church software, were sent out again last week. If you did not get an email invite and would like one, please email or call the Church Office.

**Fall Sunday School** quarterly's and Rejoice are available for pick up in the Gathering Area.

### Community Announcements

**Join us in saying thanks to WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk!** If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Nancy in anticipation of her retirement at the end of August, you are invited to stop by to visit with Nancy at the WDC office (2517 North Main Street, N. Newton, KS) over the next several weeks, or to send a note to her at WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) or 620-543-6863 by August 22. We will be checking with health information sources regarding group meetings closer to the date for everyone's protection. The funds will go to the McPherson Housing Coalition for the construction of Oak Harbor Cottages for low income/homeless families.

**New curriculum now available from MCC!** Conflict is a normal part of life. It arises in our workplaces, in our churches and with our families. To help people to learn to work through divisive issues, Mennonite Central Committee has produced a new adult Sunday school curriculum, *Peaceful Practices: A guide to healthy communication in conflict*. It invites churchgoers to follow Jesus' call to peacemaking through dialogue with each other in nine sessions. The curriculum is available to download for free, or in print for a suggested \$5 donation. Please direct questions to [karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org](mailto:karinkaufmanwall@mcc.org), call 316-283-2720 or curriculum author Jes Stoltzfus Buller at [peacefulpractices@mcc.org](mailto:peacefulpractices@mcc.org).

**MCC Treats & Beats, August 26, 4:00-6:00 PM, at MCC in North Newton!** Join us for this relaxed come-and-go event featuring ice cream treats from Salted Creamery and beats from the talented Kevin Gaeddert! Drop in, grab some ice cream and enjoy a little music as our thank you for your support of the work of MCC!

**Just Desserts,** a dessert and music fundraiser for Offender Victim Ministries, is Sunday, August 29, 6:00-8:00 PM, at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery Park at 126 E. 6th Street. *Piece of the pie* promo tickets can be reserved at [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org). See the poster in the Gathering area for more information.

**Women's Retreat:** All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women's Retreat being held Saturday, September 11-Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. More information and registration forms are at this link: [mennowdc.org/womens-retreat-2021/](http://mennowdc.org/womens-retreat-2021/). Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see you there!

**WDC and Bethel College invite you to save the date** for Bethel's 5th Biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College—*Joining Voices Together*, November 5-8, 2021, featuring the new denominational hymnal, *Voices Together* (2020). This worship book is resonating across Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada as we reach for connection with each other and with God's work in the world. The Symposium will include convocation speakers on November 5 and 8, seminars and evening worship on November 6, and guest presenters in area congregations on November 7. Come gather around stories that shaped *Voices Together*; contemplate the visual art curated for this collection; experience historical, contemporary and intercultural worship; and develop tools for adopting new resources in your worshipping community. More information and registration available soon at [bethelks.edu/worshiparts](http://bethelks.edu/worshiparts).

## **Announcements**

**We welcome Rev. Michelle Rucker**, Pastor of Hall's Chapel A.M.E. Church, to the pulpit today! Rev. Rucker is an ordained minister with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church and lives in Wichita. May God prepare our hearts for her words to us.

**The offering for August 29** will be for the Scholarship Fund. 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: [firstmennon-itenewton.org](http://firstmennon-itenewton.org) or contact the church office.

**First Mennonite Church worship attendance**—August 15—118.

**Today, we will be having the second part** of our Safe Sanctuaries training. Anna Groff from Dove's Nest will be hosting a Zoom presentation from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. You can either join the Zoom from your house or we will be showing it in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. Please make sure to attend this second part to the training. If you are attending virtually, please check your email for this link.

**Congratulations to** Christina (Entz) and Nate Stang on the birth of their son, Rhys Stang, who was born on July 27. Congratulations, as well, to Loren, Nancy and Derek Entz on the new addition to their family. We wish God's richest blessing on this new life!

**Thank you FMC and Life Sharing Sunday School class** for the moral and prayerful support given to Carolyn and myself with my knee replacement surgery. Your encouraging words, get well cards, meals, and prayers for healing were a real blessing for both of us. I'm recovering well and I've been able to return working here at FMC.

**Thank you to all** those who filled out a Time and Talent Survey. The on-line survey is now closed, so if you would still like to fill one out, please contact Tracy in the Church Office ASAP and return it to my church mailbox.

~June Thomsen, for the Gifts Discernment Committee

**Do you have trouble hearing in the sanctuary?** Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a new hearing assist system. There are eight units that can be picked up and used during the service along with earbuds. If you have hearing aids that are compatible with t-loop, we also have the capability put the sound into your hearing aids. If you would like to use a hearing assist unit this Sunday, stop by the sound booth before the service.

**You are invited to view** the Memorial Display for Helen Entz in the display case in the Gathering Area. The Caregiving and Membership Commission wishes to honor persons who passed away during the required limitations beginning March 2020.