

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Prelude Jill Zerger

Welcome Pastor Derek

Call to Worship

L: Wake up, Eden Mennonite family!

P: True evangelical faith cannot lie sleeping.

It clothes the naked, it comforts the sorrowful,

It shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it,

It binds up that which is wounded.

All: Let us rise up in true faith and shine the light of Love to the world this day!

Opening Song *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Kristin Kaufman, Becky King, Derek King, Kyle Neufeld, guitar

Scripture Acts 6-7 Allison Schrag

Time with Children Katie Stucky

Worship Music *My Lord, What a Morning*, arr. by Mark Hayes Mya Dreier

Robin Schrag, accompanist

Message "The Power of a Story" Pastor Dianne

Song of Response *Summoned by the God who Made Us*

Prayers of the People

Worship Music *Jesus Loves Me*, by William B Bradbury Sawyer Kaufman

Announcements

Sending Song *This Little Light of Mine*

Benediction

Postlude

Scripture next week: Acts 10

Remember in Prayer

Juanita Graber and family grieving after the death of her son-in-law Bryan Reimer on April 16.

Jake Schrag dismissed from Pleasant View Home, Inman

WDC: Pray for pastors, parents, teachers, and mentors in WDC congregations, as they guide faith formation for children and youth in the midst of challenging times.

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Update: The Eden Leadership Team has agreed that we will continue following our COVID safety guidelines with the following exceptions:

- Masks will be worn in the church building until May 23, at which point, they will not be expected.
- Congregational singing during worship will begin May 2.
- Children may gather at the front for the Children's Time beginning May 2.
- Coffee will be served before and after worship beginning April 25.
- Water fountains will be available beginning April 25 with cups provided and highly recommended.

Delegates Needed. Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention is happening this summer, July 6-10, at which the delegate body will gather to discuss and vote on resolutions pertaining to the denominational vision, mission, and documents. Eden can have up to 3 individuals represent the congregation in this work. The delegate session will be entirely virtual this year, with participants meeting via Zoom on July 10, from 12-2:30PM. If you might consider serving the congregation and denomination in this way, please contact the church office or a pastor. You can find more information at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/delegate-resources-mennocon21/>

Mary Martha will meet all day Tuesday, May 4. Project: sewing kits. Bring a sack lunch and your mask.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, three nights: July 11-13 at West Zion! We're looking forward to getting VBS started again after a year off, and we need volunteers to make it happen. Can you help? VBS is a great time to reach out and connect kids to the love of Christ. Contact Lory Fisher with questions or to volunteer! (620-794-6125; huffycross58@gmail.com)

Save the date! Eden Camp Mennoscah retreat weekend will be **July 10-11th**. Mark your calendars for a much needed fun getaway weekend at camp. We will once again be booking the retreat center along with all the cabins. Come and enjoy time with your church family and a chance to experience God in nature!

Greetings from the Eden Endowment Committee. The Eden Endowment Fund was active and able to award up to \$25,000 this year. Seven requests were made and we were able to grant most of the requested funds. 2021 Grants were awarded to the following organizations or groups:

Angels Attic, Cradle to Crayons, Moundridge Senior Citizens Center, Sue Schrag, (quilting supplies), Mobility Worldwide KS/PET, Kristen Stucky (Books on Blankets), and Eden Worship Committee. **Read how each of these groups and/or organizations plan to use their funds in the May issue of *The Garden*.**

The cookbooks are ready to be printed. We would like to have some idea as to how many we will need to order. The price will be \$10 each. If you would like one or more, please order and prepay for them. We will have some extras, too. You can take or send your checks to the church office. **Be sure to make them out to Eden with Mary Martha in the memo line. Please place your order by the end of April. Thank you.**

Consider Sharing Your Gift of Music: The Worship Commission is looking for persons to share their gifts of music during Sunday morning worship starting in May and extending through the month of August. The music may be vocal or instrumental, an individual or a group. Usually two numbers are shared. Contact Michelle Schrag at 620-747-2480 or mschrag12@gmail.com if you or someone you know is interested. We would love to hear you!

If you are going to Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this summer let the church office know. **The deacons are offering a \$100 scholarship per camper toward registration.** If there is need beyond this amount please talk to one of the deacons, (Barbara Stucky, Bret Gillmore, Kristen Stucky, Kathy Neufeld, Jeff Koller). We want campers to be able to enjoy this experience!

TODAY (Sunday, April 25), 2 p.m. – If you registered for the Zoom link, don't forget to tune in to hear **award-winning syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. speak on "Is America Possible?,"** part of the Peace Lecture Series from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

April 29-May 1 (including Saturday matinee): Bethel College spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson, planned for Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. **Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** – and there is a **livestream option!** Call or stop by Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 316-284-5205, for tickets for

either in-person or livestream. **Please note: This play has adult content and is not suitable for children. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing will be enforced for in-person performances.**

Sunday, May 2, 4 p.m. – Spring choral concert, featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir, Woven and Open Road on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.*

Tues., May 4, 7 p.m. – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert on the plaza in front of Luyken Fine Arts Center (rain location: Memorial Hall). Bring your own chairs/blankets. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus.*

Weds., May 5, 7 p.m. – Jazz on the Green, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo (a little south of the usual location, on the slab to the east of the art gallery). Bring your own chairs/blankets. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus*

Attendance last week: Worship – 134; SS: 82; Zoom screens: ?

Offering: \$10,770.87

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