

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Lenten Theme: Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus

Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome

Pastor Derek

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.

Blessed be your name.

Worship Music – Wash Their Feet

by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir, accompanied by Robin Schrag

Scripture reading – Ezekiel 37: 1-4

Confession

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions. We confess to the Lord... (silent prayer)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

All: We place our hope in you. Amen.

Time with Children

Tim Schrag

Worship Music – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

by Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir, accompanied by Robin Schrag

Scripture reading – John 11: 1-7; 17-45

Message

“Called to Life”

Pastor Dianne

Responding

Have you ever experienced dryness and hopelessness?

Did God transform your dryness to abundance? How?

Song of Response – #377, New Earth, Heaven New

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements (Children gather coins for MCC)

Benediction

Sending Song – They That Wait Upon the Lord (on screen)

Postlude

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Pray for healing of those among us who are sick. Pray for comfort of those who are grieving. Pray for peace of those in distress. Pray for assurance of those in doubt.

Western District Conference (WDC): Pray for the Church Planting Commission as they plan for their summit, Being Church: Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are, April 22 in Dallas, Texas.

Nursery: Brenda Dalke & David Stucky

March 19: Kathy & Al Neufeld

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder that we should be in prayer for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

The **nursery committee** will soon be putting together a new Sunday morning nursery schedule. If you would like to enjoy learning to know our youngest members of the congregation by adding your name to the list of nursery attendants, please contact Brenda Dalke (345-2767) or Pat Stucky (345-8618) by March 26.

This year for **Holy Week**, the pastors of the Associated Churches have created a **website with devotion** entries for each day of that week, April 3-8. Each day you will find a devotional written by one of the pastors and a link to the Lectionary scripture passages. We will also provide a list of the in-person gatherings hosted by each church throughout the week. This is the site address:
<https://sites.google.com/edenmennonite.org/holyweek2023>

Holy Week schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. in Eden Fellowship Hall

Meal and Communion service, Footwashing or Handwashing offered

Easter Sunrise Service, April 9 at 6:45AM; Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket

Easter Worship Service, April 9, 10 AM. Note time change, no Sunday School

A part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement is the creation of an **Anabaptist Study Bible**. Some of the notes in this Bible will come from **you**!! If you wish to contribute, or simply need a reason to study the Bible, please contact Pastor Derek. Find more information [here](#).

OUR OUTREACH

KMRS: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee

Folks will be packaging **Hygiene Kits for MCC** on Friday night at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Consider donating supplies needed for the kits. **Today is the last day we will collect items at the church.** If items are brought to the church office by noon on Thursday, March 30, the representative will take them to the meeting that night.

Supply List:

- 1 adult size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
 - 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
 - 1 nail clipper (good quality)
 - 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16" x 26")
 - 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8")
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Pine Village is taking orders for **pulled pork & baby back ribs**. Preorders for the annual Benefit Auction fundraiser are due April 14. Order forms are available on the literature cart. Or order [online](#). The meat will be ready to pick up at the Wellness Center on Saturday, April 22.

Come and hear the **Kansas City Chiefs mascot the KC Wolf**; meet the man behind the mask and hear his story while supporting Pine Village by attending this year's **Anchor's Banquet** to benefit the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation. The event will be on Wednesday, May 3 in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Dinner will begin at 6 pm and catered by the Carriage Crossing Restaurant and Bakery.

We are grateful for your support and excited to be able to enjoy the banquet in person again! Tickets are \$100 and all the proceeds will go to the endowment fund. Make your reservations by calling Pine Village at 620-345-2901. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! For more information visit our [website](#).

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2 at Camp Mennoscah. During this long-standing, guys-only retreat you can enjoy the time at the river, in nature, fireside chats and 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. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will be collected upon arrival. Contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515 or [click here](#) for more information.

Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director from Pennsylvania, will present "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Women will gather at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. At 6:45, all will zoom with Jenny. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 to receive a Zoom link. RSVP by email if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Church groups might consider gathering together to join the Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

MennoCon23, the biennial convention of Mennonite Church USA happens this summer in Kansas City July 3-6. The delegate assembly meets at the end of convention, July 7-8. ELT is looking for two individuals who would like to be delegates from Eden. Please let Dave Stucky or Gail Graber know if you are interested in being a delegate.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is looking for nominees for our 2023 #BringthePeace awards. The award recognizes the work of denominational peacemakers. We invite you to submit your recommendations for nominees by **completing this form by April 14**. We are seeking to honor two courageous peacebuilders who have a diversity of experience and are actively engaged in resisting war and promoting peace in their respective congregation and community.

Looking Ahead

Mar 29: Worship Band 6:45PM, Ladies Chorus 7:30PM, Chancel Choir 8:00PM

Attendance Last Week: Worship -160; Zoom -14; SS -148; Offering - \$8,760

Eden Church Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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