

Eden Mennonite Church  
Moundridge, Kansas

Website: [www.edenmennonite.org](http://www.edenmennonite.org)

Derek King, Lead Pastor

Dianne Schmidt, Associate Pastor

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Prelude

Candy Unrau

Welcome

Pastor Dianne

Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, life of the universe,

**People: we gather to worship you.**

Leader: Great Creator, who formed us in your image and calls us by name,

**People: we gather to worship you.**

Leader: Holy Redeemer, who became flesh and lived among us,

**People: we gather to worship you.**

Leader: Sustaining Spirit, who breathes into us always the holy breath of life,

**All: together we gather to worship you. Amen.**

Opening Song – #22, *What is This Place*

Scripture reading – Isaiah 43:1-7,19

Cindy Bartell

Time with Children

Kristeen Thompson

Message

Pastor Derek

Song of Response – #420, *God of the Bible*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (Raise your hand and an usher will bring a mic)

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Release and Blessing Pastor Dianne

**Congregational response: *With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for faithful and fruitful ministry. We have shared together in joys and sorrows, in successes and struggles. God has been good.***

Song of Blessing

*Alleluia, Amen*

by Jenny Schrag  
Ladies Chorus

Benediction

Sending Song – #173, *The Lord Your God is With You*

Postlude

## OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### Remember In Prayer

**Herb Zook** (husband to Lorita Regier Zook) has returned home.

**Mary Albrecht** has returned home.

**Time of pastoral transition** at Eden:

Pastor Dianne and Dennis as they prepare for this new stage in life.

The person being called to fill the interim time.

Discerning those to serve on the Search Committee.

**Western District Conference (WDC):** Pray for the Church Planting Commission in their meetings that they will feel peace and guidance in every decision.

**Nursery:** Marla & Bret Gillmore

**May 7:** Carol & Larry Temple

**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.

As we offer ourselves to God in worship, we also offer our tithe and offerings. A ceramic **offering pot** is located in the Fellowship Hall near the center sanctuary doors into which you may place your monetary gifts.

Join with others after Sunday School to **celebrate Pastor Dianne's time** with us at Eden. A **potluck meal** will be served. There will be plenty for everyone. You may wish to show your appreciation with a card or love offering.

There will be a **special congregational meeting May 7 during Sunday School** to overview the work of the pastors, our next steps forward in the search process, and to respond to questions. We need **the feedback of the congregation to help us discern** what our needs are for pastoral staff now and into the future. ELT Executive Committee

**Consider Sharing Your Gift of Music!** The Worship Commission is looking for persons to share their gifts of music during Sunday morning worship starting May 14 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) Hiebert at 620-747-2480 or [email](#) if you or someone you know is interested. We would love to hear you!

**Camp Scholarships:** The Deacons and a generous donor will cover the entire registration cost for all Eden children attending Camp Mennoscah this summer. We want campers to be able to enjoy this experience. Contact Deacon Treasurer **Jay Goering** to apply for a scholarship for the entire registration.

**Family Friendly opportunity** to work with MDS in Red Lake, Minnesota, August 6-12. Contact Jeff Koller or Brandon Kaufman for details.

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## OUR OUTREACH

**SMCHA:** Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association

**WDC:** Western District Conference

**Moundridge Food Pantry** is looking for Volunteers! We serve anyone in need in the Moundridge School District and we can't operate without great volunteers! It is only one hour at a time and no experience needed! We will train you on the job. For more information contact Emily Regier (785) 341-3627.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Pine Village Car & Tractor Show + Cornhole Tournament** is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. The event is free for spectators and includes an inflatable obstacle course. If you have a car or tractor you would like to show or would like to enter your cornhole team, please rsvp by May 10<sup>th</sup> by calling 620.345.2901 or signing up online. Car show & cornhole team entries are \$20. We will have a 50/50 cash raffle, food & drinks by donation, and Chill Shaved Ice available!

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**Camp Mennoscah** has been offered a gift of \$100,000. The money comes to Camp as a matching gift. We have been invited to raise money that will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000. In response to this generous gift, Camp Mennoscah has launched the M&M Project! M&M stands for Mission and Maintenance. For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah by email or phone 316-207-3472 or call Camp 620-297-3290.

Save the Date for **WDC Annual Assembly**, August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton, KS.

Newton Et Cetera Shop's **2023 Local Giving Grant applications are due on Monday, May 1**. Find information and an application here .

SMCHA is offering **education grants** for the 2023-2024 school year to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary

service, or other related careers. The application deadline is May 30, 2023. Contact the Church Office for more information.

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**#MennoCon23.** Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8.

ELT is looking for **two individuals willing to serve as delegates** from Eden. Please let Dave Stucky or Gail Graber know if you are interested.

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### Looking Ahead

**May 2:** Deacon Commission at 6:00PM at Eden Office

**May 3:** Worship Band 6:45PM, Ladies Chorus 7:30PM, Chancel Choir 8:00PM

**May 7:** Congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour

**May 11:** Anabaptist Bible, Bible Study group 12:00 noon at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship:186; Zoom: 13; SS:122; Offering: \$5,795

#### Eden Church Office Hours

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

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