

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Seeking Peace Together: Peace With Creation

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Pastor Bev

Call to Worship

One: Let us seek God, who can be found.

Many: Let us call upon God, who is near.

One: As the thirsty soil receives rain from heaven,

Many: let us receive the word of God offered in this space.

One: Let us praise God joyfully with a loud voice!

Many: For if we are silent, the stones will shout out.

One: Let us burst into song with the mountains

Many: and clap our hands with the trees.

All: Let us worship God together with joy.

Opening Song

“As We Rise, O God, to Meet You ”

#39 (vv. 1-2)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:6-13

Marge Goering

Worship Music

“Jesus Paid It All”

by M.S. Shaffer

Robert, Jon, Tim, and Bethany Schrag

Time with Children

Shayna Smith

Message

“Rejoicing with Creation”

Pastor Derek

Song of Preparation

“As We Rise, O God, to Meet You”

#39 (vs 3)

Communion

One: We gather around the table seeking peace with God

Many: in whom we abide, and who abides in us.

One: We gather around the table seeking peace within ourselves,

**Many: praying that God’s peace will guard our hearts and our minds
in Christ Jesus.**

One: We gather around the table seeking peace with each other,

**Many: for Christ has broken down the dividing wall of hostility between
us.**

One: We gather around the table seeking peace with creation.

**Many: Let us breathe in the breath of life. Let us sing with the mountains
and hills.**

All: Let us share this sacred meal with joy.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Worship Music "I'll Walk With God" by Webster and Brodzky
Jon Schrag, solo; DeLonna Barnett, accompaniment

Bible presentation Laurie Schrag, Education/Discipleship Commission

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "As We Rise, O God, to Meet You" #39 (vs. 5)

Postlude



If you would like to share financial offerings, you may leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

[Sunday School begins five minutes after the end of the worship service.]

Key

FEWZ: First, Eden and West Zion Mennonite youth group

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee (relief, development, and peace mission)

MDS: Mennonite Disaster Service (rebuilding homes impacted by disasters)

STEPMC: Steps to End Poverty in McPherson County

WDC: Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Mary Albrecht, grieving the death of her brothers, Abelardo and Vincente Gonzalez.

Western District Conference (WDC): Please pray for emerging congregations as the Spirit draws them together to be of one mind and heart to do the will of the Lord. —WDC Church Planting Commission

Nursery: Aug. 27: Whitney and Lance Loganbill **Sept. 3:** Britney and DaWayne Stos

Microphone: Aug. 27 Preslie/Piper Doane **Sept. 3:** Althea Harrison/Evie King

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to 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.

Centering prayer is a form of silent prayer that invites us to rest in the awareness of the presence of God. Join Pastor Bev and other Eden folks weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the church office. All are welcome to centering prayer!

Bring your extra produce to the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings to share with others. You may "shop," take home delicious veggies, and leave a donation for Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale pre-sale expenses.

Sunday School Elective: Beginning Sept. 3, Pastor Derek will be offering an adult Sunday School class on the topic death. The first several weeks will focus on burial practices at Eden and explore other options, under the category of "Green Burial." Other topics will include preparing for death, conversations with aging parents, funeral planning, and legal/ financial/medical concerns. Adults of all ages will benefit from these important conversations.

It's almost time to start the **Eden Choirs** again! If you're a longtime member, a short-time member, or haven't even tried a choir before, **please join us!** We will begin Wednesday, Sept. 6, Ladies Chorus at 7:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 8 p.m. Come enjoy a fun, meaningful, low-pressure experience of making music together! Questions: Call, text, or email Becky Setser, 620-386-4145 rsetser89@gmail.com.

Support Youth: Anyone Can Do It! We are getting ready for another year of Jr. FEWZ (6th-8th grade) and FEWZ (9th-12th grade) and would love whatever help you might be able to offer. If committing to be a sponsor for the year is too much for you, would you consider something just as helpful, but less time-consuming? We would love for individuals or groups who could: manage our financial books, coordinate meals, Bible teach on occasion, share their faith story, plan a service project, etc. If there is something on that list that you could do (or anything else you could offer), please contact Pastor Derek (dking@edenmennonite.org)

Eden will again be collecting supplies for **MCC School Kits**. You may put your purchased items in the box labeled "**School Supplies**" in the Fellowship Hall. The children will assemble the kits on Wednesday "Project Night" Sept. 27. If you prefer to **donate cash or check**. Make checks payable to Eden and with "School supplies" in the memo. It will be used to purchase school supplies.

Tractor drivers are needed for the Kansas State Fair on Friday, Sept. 15. This service is provided in gratitude for the use of the Kansas State Fairgrounds for KMRS at a reduced rate. Two drivers are needed from 2-5 p.m. and five drivers from 5- p.m. If you're able to help with this, please contact Rene or Kristin Kaufman.

The Moundridge Mennonite churches will be responsible for workers at **MCC Meat Canning** Monday, Oct. 23. Get this on your calendar now. Details will follow.

OUR OUTREACH

Want to be a story catcher, story keeper, and story sharer? Find out more by attending the Western District Women in Mission Women's and Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10 at Camp MennoScah! Activities will be available for all ages (no specific girls programming). A brochure and registration form are available on the literature cart. This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating, with our scripture theme being 2 Peter 1:12-21. **Registration is due by September 5.** For questions, email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785-760-1390 or duaneunruh@mcc.org.

Looking Ahead

Aug. 29: Pastoral Search Committee 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Aug. 30: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Aug. 30: Worship Commission 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 160; Zoom: 7; SS: 108 Offering: \$10,445.00

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