

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas

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Reflecting on Death: Our Bodies

Prelude

Brenda Dalke

Welcome

Pastor Bev

Call to Worship

One: In Sarah, we meet a God who heals.

Many: God's healing comes in many ways.

One: In Moses, we hear a God who stutters.

Many: God works despite our mortal bodies.

One: In Paul, we feel Christ in our weaknesses.

Many: In tender places, Christ is often most present.

One: In Christ, God's body aches, weeps, sweats blood and is crucified.

Many: God carries our abilities and our limitations.

One: The image of God shines through and all around us.

Many: Each of our bodies reflects the image of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Opening Song

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"

#101

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:24-31

Carol Zerger

Worship Music

"Amazing Grace"

by John Newton

Nikki Moddelmog, vocal, and Susan Mayo, cello

Time with Children

Kristen Stucky

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Pastor Bev

Message

"I don't *have* a body, I *am* a body"

Pastor Derek

Song of Response

"Christ Be in Your Senses"

#721

Ritual of Anointing

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Worship Music

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

by Helen Lemmel

Susan Mayo, cello, and DeLonna Barnett, piano

Sunday School Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

"The Lord Lift You Up"

#832

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

KMRS: Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

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

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

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Bryan and Angie Zerger's daughter, Michelle, died near her home in Idaho this week. Please keep Bryan and Angie in prayer as they plan a funeral in Idaho and a memorial service for a later date at Eden.

Lenora Gehring has been dismissed from Mercy Hospital to her home.

Leona Kaufman is at Mercy Hospital.

The Search Committee for Eden's Associate Pastor invites prayers for the guidance of the spirit in tending to the details of their work.

Western District Conference (WDC): Pray for God's gift of renewal and fellowship for WDC members attending the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.

Nursery: Sept. 3: Britney and DaWayne Stos **Sept. 10:** Pat and Bruce Stucky

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!

Former pastor **Walter S. Friesen's** long and abundant life ended when he passed away peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. The memorial service will occur Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, followed by a light lunch and time of sharing. Here is the [obituary](#).

Today is the last Sunday for **Garden Surplus**. Thank you for sharing your produce this summer! 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.

Service Sunday, Sept. 24: Peace/Witness Commission invites persons of all ages to be part of our Sunday morning service projects. Our church body will be serving the community so there will be no worship service in the building that morning. Some of the jobs include showing appreciation to Pine Village staff, painting at the Food Pantry, visiting older adults, cleaning yards, doing MCC projects at the church and many more. We will compile a list and you can sign up on Sept. 10 or 17. We still need ideas for service. Contact Bob Schrag, Marla Gillmore, Perry Krehbiel, Renae Stucky or Shirley Delk with your ideas.

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. 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.

OUR OUTREACH

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.

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and begun its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/potc

Looking Ahead

Sept. 4: Eden Office closed for Labor Day

Sept. 5: Pastoral Search Committee 7 p.m. at Eden Office

Sept. 6: Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

Sept. 6: Choirs – Ladies Chorus 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir 8 p.m.

Sept. 7: Peace/Witness Commission 6 p.m. at Eden Office

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 180; Zoom: 13; SS: 109 Offering: \$6,755.00

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