

Eden Mennonite Church  
Moundridge, Kansas

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God's Own People

Prelude

Jill Zerger

Welcome

Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Call to Worship:

One: Come!

**Many: Come and worship,**

One: you who woke early, and you who slept late;

**Many: you who come often, and you who don't.**

One: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

**Many: there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,  
and more than enough grace to go around.**

One: Let's worship the God of Creation as we sing together.

Opening Song "Praise With Joy the World's Creator"

#428

Confession and Curious Question:

How do you see God's power at work in others' lives?

Time with Children

Shayna Smith

Worship Music "Appalachian Grace"  
"I Will Give Thanks"

arr. by Hannibal and Raney  
by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir, accompanied by Robin Schrag

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:9-17

Keith Schrag

Message

"The Royal Priesthood"

Pastor Derek King

Song of Response

"Draw the Circle"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song

"Guide My Feet"

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Postlude

Choral Director: Becky Setser



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 ten minutes after the end of the worship service.]

### Key

- MCC:** Mennonite Central Committee (relief, development, and peace mission)
- MC USA:** Mennonite Church USA (Eden's national denomination)
- WDC:** Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

## OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### Remember In Prayer

**Emily Knight and Tim Yoder** who were married Nov. 25.

**Howard Kaufman** recovering at Pine Village healthcare following surgery at St. Francis where a stint was inserted for a blocked heart artery.

**Jill Zenger** grieving the death of her mother, Dorothy Preheim, Nov. 18.

**WDC:** Pray for chaplains and other ministers in WDC who offer pastoral care for members of our communities experiencing pain, loneliness, loss or grief, particularly during this holiday season.

**Nursery: Nov. 26:** Britney and DaWayne Stos      **Dec. 3:** Carol and Larry Temple

**The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray** 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.

**Sunday School Elective for fall:** Pastor Derek is leading an adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary on the topic of death. Today's focus is Making Plans: Hospice.

Next Sunday, Dec. 3, the children will be collecting non-perishable food items for the **Moundridge Food Pantry**.

You can give a family hope this Christmas by gifting them presents through the **Moundridge Angel Tree**. If you're willing to adopt an angel, sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A928A3FDC70-46044868-2023#/>  
Or scan the QR code on the angel found on the literature cart board.

We have officially entered the holiday season with the celebration of Thanksgiving last week. Let's continue that spirit of thankfulness on **Giving Tuesday**, Nov. 28.

While society lures us with Black Friday specials and Cyber Monday temptations, remember your charitable agencies and begin your giving on Tuesday.

Next Sunday (Dec. 3) a tree, **the Memorial Tree**, will be decorated in the Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of our loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel for each of your loved ones for \$3 each. You are invited to take the angel(s) with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be printed at the end of the year.

All Junior Sunday school classes are invited to participate in the **Christmas Eve program**. Rehearsals are Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. During Sunday School hour on Sunday, Dec. 17, one class at a time will rehearse. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Stucky, 620-245-4375.

Jay Goering served with the Teachers Abroad Program at Kijabe High School in Kenya from 1968 to 1973. While there, Jay was instrumental in getting one of his students, John Muthama, to Bethel to gain a degree in biology. During his time in Kansas, John stayed with Jay's parents, J Hobart and Lorene Goering and attended Eden with them. John won many track awards both locally and nationally as a Bethel athlete. He graduated in 1977 and returned to Kenya where he taught biology in various secondary schools and also was involved in administration.

John's daughter, Ann Mbugua, would like to get a Social Work degree here in the United States and return to Kenya to help disadvantaged people in her own country. She is an intelligent, outgoing young woman who will want to get to know all who support her. She would like to begin spring semester in 2024. She has been accepted at Bethel College, North Newton, and will need some resources to complete her degree. She will need \$8,000 to \$9,000 per semester. The "**Ann Mbugua Education Fund**" has been set up at the Citizens State Bank in Moundridge, Kansas. You can support by writing a check to "Ann Mbugua Education Fund" and depositing it at the Citizens State Bank. Or give the check to Jay or Linda Goering, who will make sure it is deposited appropriately.

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## OUR OUTREACH

**Cradle to Crayons New Building Project:** Childcare is in high demand in Moundridge. They are trying to raise 15% of the capital funds so we can apply for a Kansas Grant Program that would pay the remaining 85%. Read more about the project and a picture of the proposed site on the literature cart board. Consider giving for the children in our community.

**An evening of service on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28 6–8 p.m.** at the MCC Central States Center (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton KS). Bring dark-colored hand towels so we can pack hygiene kits! We'll also be tying comforters. And Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) will supply cards for you to write greetings which will be delivered before the holidays to incarcerated people. We'll have snacks for you to enjoy.

There are still **Everence dollars available** for this year! If your Sunday School class or commission know of an individual or organization that may be struggling with utilities, food, vehicle needs, home repair, etc., Everence will match your donations up to \$1,250. Grant requests need to be in to Everence by Dec. 8. Thanks! –Jerri Kaufman, Everence Advocate, 620-386-4484

**M&M Project Update: WE DID IT!!** Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the spring! Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah these 75 years. There is still so much ahead!

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### Looking Ahead

**Nov. 29:** Centering Prayer 1:30 p.m. at Eden Office

**Nov. 29:** Choirs – Ladies Chorus 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir 8 p.m. at Eden Church

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 199; Zoom: 12; SS: 172 Offering: \$1,373.00

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