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Lent 5: Christ Among Us, the New Covenant

Prelude

Karen Kaufman

Welcome

Pastor Bev Baumgartner

Call to Worship (based on Jeremiah 31 and John 12)

One: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

Many: This new covenant is being offered to us.

One: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Many: Death must come before resurrection. A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many. *This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.*

One: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God's people and God is our God.

Opening Song

"Were You There" (vv. 1, 2, 5)

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Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33

Bill Zerger

Time with Children

Kristin Kaufman

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Message

Pastor Derek King

"Obviously Objecting to Obsessive Obligation and Obstinate Obedience"

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy. Hear us, we pray.

Many: We confess that we sin against you.

One: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

Many: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

All: So that we can cry out with joy, cleansed in your abundant mercy.

Song of Response

"Fill Us with Your Feast"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

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)

STEPMC: Steps to End Poverty in McPherson County

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

WDWM: Western District Women in Mission

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Neva Kaufman and family on death of her husband, Howard Kaufman.

Esther Schrag and family on the death of her brother, Victor Klingenberg.

WDC: Pray for representatives from WDC traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.

Nursery: March 17: Bruce and Pat Stucky **March 24:** Brenda Dalke/Dave Stucky

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.

Howard Kaufman, 95, died March 1. Funeral services were held at Eden March 5. We extend our sympathy to Neva, Jim, Berni and Larry Kaufman.

Esther Schrag’s brother, Victor Klingenberg, 86, died March 10 in Newton. Graveside services will be March 22 in Oklahoma. We extend our sympathy to Esther, Darrell and Bobbi and family.

Children and their parents are invited to join Pastor Bev and Jean Regier at Pine Village to distribute the chunky butterflies we made on Wednesday, March 6. Meet at the main entrance **Wed., March 20 at 4:30 p.m.** Butterflies will be distributed to all Eden members on the Pine Village campus.

Items for the **April Garden** newsletter is due to the office by March 25.

The **Trustees** will conduct a **drawing** for the right to farm the **30 acres of farmland** owned by Eden. Please let any of the Trustees know if you are interested **by March 17th** to be entered. Only one name per family farming operation will be entered. Please contact the Trustees for any other information.

“A Goodly Heritage” is a musical drama sharing a history of the Swiss Volynian Mennonites. Performances are Sat., March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge.

Holy Week schedule:

Holy Monday, March 25, Prayer Walk at 6:30 p.m. begin at West Zion

Maunder Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. Meal and Communion service, Footwashing or Handwashing offered

Easter Sunrise Service, March 31 at 7 a.m. at Russ Stucky's pasture (North on 22nd, turn Right on Buckskin and go 1/2 mile. Park along the road, pasture on the North side, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/iAyifHBQR9qNLzku9>) Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket

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

The **Eden Endowment Committee** is pleased to **disperse grant funds to individuals or organizations who work in harmony with the mission of the church**. The application process is now open and we will be accepting grant requests through **March 31, 2024**. Printed applications can be picked up at the church (on the library table) or at the church office. You may also get in touch with the church office and request an emailed grant request. We look forward to receiving this year's grant requests! –Eden Endowment Committee

Please donate. Ann Mbugua from Kenya has been accepted at Bethel College for a Social Work degree and is planning to start fall semester 2024. She is the daughter of John Muthama, who was Jay Goering's student in Kenya and a 1977 Bethel College grad. Funds are still needed in March towards the goal of \$12,200 in order for Ann to begin the process of acquiring a visa. An account, the Ann Mbugua Education Fund, is set up at the Citizen's State Bank, Moundridge.

OUR OUTREACH

Seminar celebrating the 150th anniversary the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites: Jerry Juhnke is presenting **Researching Your Genealogy** Mon., March 18 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Pine Village Wellness Center. Jerry will also present this information at the new Newton Library on Tues., April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Everence will hold a **Social Security and retirement income workshop** on Thursday, March 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

The **Pine Village Anchors Banquet**, to benefit the Memorial Home Endowment Foundation, is Friday, March 22 at 6 p.m. in the Pine Village Wellness Center. Kilometer 81 will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$100. For reservations, call Pine Village, 620-345-2901 by Monday, March 18. For more information or to purchase tickets online, see www.pinevillageks.org. We are grateful for your support.

Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by WDWM is Sat. March 23 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by an adult. \$5 will cover the cost of lunch. Bring rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching if you have them. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. **Register by Mon. March 18 by e-mailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com**. Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering. Thanks!

You're invited to **STEPMC's Moundridge Getting Ahead Graduation** on Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, Moundridge.

Looking Ahead

March 18: Peace/Witness Commission at 6 p.m. at Church Office

March 18: Deacon Commission at 6:30 at Church Office

March 19: Education/Discipleship Commission at 6:30 p.m. at Church Office

March 20: No Choirs Practicing

Attendance Last Week: Worship: 121 Zoom: 4 SS: 64 Offering: \$2,736.52

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