

February 20, 2022

Worship 9:30am

Faith Formation K-12 10:45am (Zoom)
Adult Sunday School 10:50 (Hybrid)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Carmen Shelly, worship leader

HYMN VT 441

Crashing Waters at Creation

In accordance with Covid guidelines, please wear an N95 mask while singing.

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Janelle Arnett Campbell

PSALM 147

Response

Earth and heavens re - peat the cry, "Glo - ry be to God on high."

Praise the Lord!

It is good to sing praises to our God,
for a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**The Lord determines the number of the stars,
and gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden,

but casts the wicked to the ground. R

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody on the lyre to our God,
who covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grown upon the hills.

**The Lord gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.**

The Lord takes no delight in the power of a horse
nor pleasure in the speed of a runner,

**but the Lord takes pleasure in the faithful,
in those who hope in God's steadfast love. R**

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING

John 7:37-52

Dorothy Nickel Friesen

HYMN 536

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Ricee Cade, More²

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

HYMN VT 203

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

CARING NOTES

- From Norma Moeller: "Thank you for the ongoing prayers. The cards, phone calls and messages I've received from Rainbow are remarkable and very much appreciated."
- George Melby has returned to Homestead assisted living in Eudora, KS. He appreciates RMC's support and prayers.
- Following recent surgeries, Dick and Breda Tatro share this: "Thank you for your loving concern during all our recent situations. Until one has been on the receiving end of the need for prayers, it is impossible to know how much it means just to hear that someone is praying in his/her behalf. We needed this more than anything else." If you would like to volunteer to bring them a meal in the coming days/weeks, please go here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rqdq8l>

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

February 20 – Sunday

- Worship Service and Livestream 9:30 AM
- Kids and Youth Sunday School on zoom 10:45 AM
- Adult Education in person/hybrid 10:50 AM

February 21 – Monday

- Bible Study via zoom 5:00 PM
- Playground Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

February 22 – Tuesday

- Staff Meeting 12:00 PM

February 23 – Wednesday

- Choir Rehearsal – cancelled

February 24 – Thursday

- Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Sarah Neher will be gone February 18-20 to take the Sr. High to Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. The following week she will be participating in AMBS's Pastors and Leader's conference.

Ruth Harder will be out of town February 20-27. For pastoral concerns while she is away, please contact Deacon Chair Janelle Arnett Campbell.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 2nd- Ash Wednesday

March 5th- Ragtime, Old and New A concert by Michael Dolman, 4:00 pm

March 6th- Youth Ice Skating at Crown Center, 6-8 pm

March 20th- Youth Brunch, 10:50 am

April 3rd- Youth Art and Religion at the Nelson Atkins Museum, 12-2:30 pm

April 10th- Palm Sunday

April 17th- Easter Fun, 10:50 am

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

All in-person youth activities have been canceled through the end of February. There are Zoom opportunities for K-5 and youth at 10:45 AM on Sundays.

Adult Education 10:50 AM: This Sunday Phil Rhoads will start a new three-week series centered on Lincoln in the Bardo by George Sanders.

Looking ahead: March 13-April 24 David Bluford and Eric Jantzen (and some other special guests) will lead a book study on Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Charles Marsh.

Note: Beginning Sunday we will meet by our hybrid method. We will hold the class in the Wesley Room beginning at 10:50 and we will use a new technology we ordered called The Owl. People attending live will be located by The Owl and their picture and audio will go in the Zoom meeting. People joining by Zoom only will appear and their audio and video will be picked up by all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday--March 2 from 6-6:45 pm. This year we will mark Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) with a Rainbow parking lot bonfire. This is for all ages and for anyone who ever wanted the DIY experience of burning palm branches and making ash.

Michael (Mike) Dolman, Matthew Lewis's cousin who played the piano at Matthew's memorial service in July, will return to our church to perform a concert, **RAGTIME, OLD AND NEW**, on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this hour-long program, and admission is free. Masks are required to be worn by those attending the event.

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