

Rainbow Mennonite Church
June 12, 2022

Worship 9:30am; Fellowship 10:40am; Adult Education 10:50am

Today is a special day with special guests. Welcome First United Methodist Church Crossfire Youth Choir of Plano, Texas!

*For our worship today, they will perform the musical *The Bigger Picture*, written and directed by Robin Kaufman Anderson and L. Kim Ross (see separate program). Robin and her family were part of Rainbow for a number of years.*

PRELUDE

Overture to *The Bigger Picture*

WELCOME

Rosi Penner Kaufman

COMMUNITY BUILDING - Sharing joys, concerns, and offertory

*HYMN VT 809

Sing a New World into Being

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Bigger Picture

Crossfire Youth Choir

First United Methodist Church, Phano, Texas

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

June 12, 2022

Welcome to our worship service. We strive to welcome everyone without regard to race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and economic or other life circumstances. For information about our church or the Mennonite faith, literature is available in the east and west foyers outside the sanctuary.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

- We at Rainbow Mennonite Church acknowledge the land we gather on is the ancestral and treaty homeland of the Kaw/Kansa and Osage Nations.
- We acknowledge the land was taken from these Peoples by force.
- We acknowledge as many as 30 Nations, including the Shawnee, Delaware, Cherokee, Iowa, Kickapoo, Lanape, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Sac & Fox, and Wyandot, were forcibly relocated to Kansas before the US government violated the treaties and violently compelled them to move further west.
- We acknowledge that the Christian church was, and is, complicit in justifying this theft and participated in the cultural genocide of these Nations.
- We acknowledge that these Peoples are still here and that recognizing their deep historic connection to the land is the first step towards building right relationships with them and working together to create a more just society.

Caring Notes...

- From Claire Zehner: Todd's mom, Jean passed away Tuesday morning. We know she is at peace, as we learn to live without her. Services are pending in IN.
- George Houghton is receiving Hospice Care at Bishop Spencer Place. George, Hilary Duderstadt (Daughter), Trevor (Son) and Trevor's wife Beth Houghton appreciate our continued prayers. Visits are welcome.
- After a short stint at the hospital, Don Moeller returned to Brookdale Rehab.
- Bill Gourley passed away on May 20. Charity is grateful for all the kind words, cards, and gestures people have offered. Bill, who spent much of his career as a surgical pathologist teaching biology and medicine, chose to donate his body to KU. A memorial service will be planned mid-summer.
- Verlin Bartel passed away on May 25. We invite everyone to read (and comment) on the CaringBridge site: www.caringbridge.org/visit/verlinbartel
A memorial service will be held on September 3rd, time yet to be determined.

This Morning at Rainbow

Today in Adult Education we will continue to focus on the posthumously-published short story collection from Madeleine L'Engle, *The Moment of Tenderness*. Much research is being done on the importance of reading fiction to our politics, our health and our humanity. Facilitator: Carmen Shelly.

This morning's ushers are **Mitch Kaufman and John Mueller**. Greeter is **Peggy Coriell**. Please ask them if you need assistance with seating, use of a large-print hymnal, hearing assistance device or have questions about the location of the restrooms. Closing Trustee is **Todd Zehner**.

Staff updates:

Sarah Unruh, Church Administrator, will be out of the office for vacation from June 13-17. Carmen and Andy Shelly have agreed to assist with reduced office duties during this time. **Sarah Neher**, Director of Faith Formation and Congressional Life, will be out of the office June 16-17. She will then be at Camp Mennoscah June 18-23 as the worship input leader. **From Ruth:** First, thank you for the well wishes as Jesse and I recover from COVID. Second, many have asked about my pastoral study grant funded by Louisville Institute. For those who want to track my most recent learnings and reflections, I will be posting regular updates and photos from this project to my blog: www.overandaroundtherainbow.com

Announcements:

Rainbow Summer Program requests from Rosedale Development Association:

- RISE UP (formerly Harambee) is back in-person this year! We are looking for readers to come share this time with students, every M-F from about 8-9:15am between the weeks of June 13 - July 22. Those interested in volunteering or learning more can contact Samanthe: samanthe@rosedale.org
- RDA's Amazon Wish List: amzn.to/3pJDc9j

Job posting: Maintenance Technician! We have resumed our search for a Maintenance Technician. It is now posted as a 30 hour a week position. Please spread the word and email the church office for the job description.

Delegates needed for annual [Western District Conference annual assembly](#). The physical location of the assembly is Camp Copass in Denton, TX July 29-31. **There is also the option of joining the delegate sessions virtually (by Zoom)**. Please email the church office asap if you are interested. Let's represent!

New Summer Bible Study Series on Economic Justice: The Bible Study group will continue to meet via Zoom every Monday from 5:00-6:00 pm. Here are the texts going forward: **June 13:** Deuteronomy 15, 24; **June 20:** Leviticus 19; **June 27:** Micah 6, 7; **July 4:** Luke 4, 18; **July 11:** Matthe w 6; **July 18:** John 12

Coming up:

Rosedale Development Association will be in the church building for the Rainbow Summer Program June 13- July 22th. Please notify the church office before coming to the building if it is between 7am – 5:30pm Monday – Friday for the continued safety for all and in accordance with childcare licensing laws.

June 5, 2022

Attendance	70
Visitors (included in attendance count)	6
General Fund	\$ 2,622.00
Other Donations	\$ 54.25
Total Offering	\$ 2,676.25

This Week

Monday	June 13	Bible Study	5:00pm
Tuesday	June 14	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
		Deacons Meeting	5:30pm

Next Week

Monday	June 20	Bible Study	5:00pm
		Playground Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Tuesday	June 21	Staff Meeting	12:00pm
Thursday	June 23	Council Meeting	7:00pm

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

1444 Southwest Boulevard
 Kansas City, KS 66103
 (913) 236-8820
 Office hours: M-W 9am-4pm Th-F 9am-1pm
www.rainbowmennonite.org

Pastor: Ruth Harder (ruthh@rainbowmennonite.org)

Minister of Worship and Music: Roseann Penner Kaufman (rpkaufman@rainbowmennonite.org)

Director of Faith Formation and Community Life: Sarah Neher (sarah@rainbowmennonite.org)

Church Administrator: Sarah Unruh (office@rainbowmennonite.org)

Interim Maintenance Facilitator: Euripides Solis-Ramos (maintenance@rainbowmennonite.org)