



And the greatest of these is love...

May 5, 2024

GATHERED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude ... *the chime is rung as a call to attend to God's presence*

Opening Sentence: Psalm 136:1

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Come, beloved of God,

All: **laying aside the hard and harsh ways of the world.**

One: Come, beloved of God,

All: **to practice the patient and kind ways of love.**

One: Come, beloved of God,

All: **to trust the love that holds fast in all things.**

Hearts soft and minds open, we come.

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Mark 12:28-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Meditation

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES: Camp Mennoscah

Introducing Camp Mennoscah & FMC's June 15-16 Weekend

Song: *One Tin Soldier*

Stories of Camp Mennoscah

SHARING GRATITUDE, PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appreciation for FMC Sunday School Teachers

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHO GOES BEFORE US

HYMN *The Love of God* VT 162

Benediction*

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo on front of the bulletin: by [Brett Jordan](#) on [Unsplash](#)

* These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Susan Combs
Organist: Pauline Buller
Guitarist: Shane Miller
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Scripture Reader: Jennalee Boggs
Children's Time: Lona Willems
Meditation: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Camp Mennoscah Stories: Bonnie Swenson, Delon Martens, Jennalee Boggs, Trae Gehring, Julie Goering
Appreciation for FMC Sunday School Teachers: Maggie Pounds,
Faith Formation Coordination Team Facilitator

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY:

- Fellowship with drinks AND a special camp-themed snack in the Common Grounds room after worship.
- Sunday School for all ages beginning at 11:00am.
- Thank You lunch for Sunday School Teachers

You are invited to make a financial donation today to help make our church's weekend (June 15-16) at Camp Mennoscah possible. Continuing to have a "Camp Mennoscah Weekend" is one way we support the camp, and provide opportunity for fellowship and fun at camp!

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 13 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm.

May 19 – Pentecost, communion will be observed

May 25 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – sign up to prepare food, serve the meal and clean up, and make deliveries.

June 2 – *mfc* Community Worship Service & Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm

June 9 – FMC Ice Cream Social at 6:30pm

JUNE 9 FMC Ice Cream Social

If you can bring a canister of homemade ice cream to our ice cream social, please let someone on the Faithful Community Coordination Team (Joretta Martens, Mary Wade, Hilda Iwashige) know. Everyone else is invited to bring a topping for ice cream and/or finger foods to share.

PERSONAL and FAMILY MEDITATION:

REJOICE! and Upper Room devotional guides are available above the mailboxes. Please take one and offer a donation toward the cost if you are able.



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Hutchinson KS

Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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First Mennonite Hutchinson @ Camp Mennoscah *June 15-16, 2024*

SATURDAY JUNE 15

4:00pm Arrive at camp (or anytime after 4)

5:30pm *Dinner coordinated with those who sign up to attend*

7:00-8:00pm (tentative) Swimming pool open

Additional activities available: walking trails, canoeing, river play (bring separate clothes/shoes for the river), frisbee golf, conversation. Bring games and snacks to share. Sleep in cabins (no electricity) or your own tent; bathhouses close by. Bring your own bedding, flashlights, bug spray, etc.

SUNDAY JUNE 16

Those who stay overnight will coordinate a shared breakfast.

10:00am **WORSHIP**

11:15-12:15 **SWIMMING or fellowship time!**

12:30pm **LUNCH** (*main dish provided, bring a salad or dessert to share*)

1:30pm **CLEAN UP and DEPART BY 2:00pm**

**Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend any portion of the weekend. If you need transportation for Sunday morning or would be able to provide transportation, please note that on the signup sheet.*

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS (grades 3-12)

Registration is open for summer youth camps @ Camp Mennoscah. The theme for 2024 is *“Linked by Love”* and registration is easy to do online.

First Mennonite offers a scholarship for ½ of the registration cost for one youth camp session per child/youth at either Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (in Colorado). *Register your child(ren), paying full price, and then submit the camp information/cost to the church office. You'll be reimbursed for ½ of the registration cost.*

CAMP MENNOSCAH . . . contribute and volunteer

Scholarship funds are needed for summer youth camps. Just as facilities are an important part of Camp Mennoscah's ministry, so are campers. There are campers who are unable to come to camp without assistance. Give to the Scholarship Fund or Scholarship Endowment to help more campers learn about Christ while in God's creation. Mark your donation with the fund/endowment you prefer. The Scholarship Endowment will give up to two full scholarships a year, depending on earnings.

Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 for more information.

Nurses, head cooks, kitchen staff and maintenance volunteers are needed for every week of camp. The summer camps range from 3 to 6 days and begin June 9. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested.

More volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project! Many volunteers are still needed for the Retreat Center project, but volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!