



# MCC Celebration Sunday

Mennonite Central Committee has been providing service “in the name of Christ” for 100 years, both in local settings and around the world. This Sunday we celebrate and give thanks for the work of MCC!

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Leann Toews
EASTER MESSAGE VIDEO	Ron Byler Executive Director, MCC USA
GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Take thou my hand, O Father”</i> No. 581 Marcene Entz
CHILDREN’S STORY	Eric Litwiller
SPECIAL MUSIC	Jill Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 9:30-41</i> Sharon Adrian
MCC VIDEOS	Maynard Knepp, Central States Donor Relations Jerry Toews, Tabor Church MCC Sale Representative Kevin Nickel, Run for Relief Paul Shetler Fast, MCC Global Health Coordinator
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Great is thy faithfulness”</i> No. 327
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING	Pastor Phil Schmidt
SENDING HYMN	<i>“You are salt for the earth”</i> No. 226

*Words for hymns last page of bulletin  
See attached document for sermon transcript*

## Sunday, April 26

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God’s love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God’s saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

The gathering hymn, *Take thou my hand, O Father*, was written by the Baltic German poet, Julie Katharina Von Hausmann (born in 1826). In the original German language, it was called “So Nimm Denn Meine Hande.” It quickly became a favorite hymn of Mennonites in Southern Russia. It was frequently sung at solemn occasions, such as funerals and the departure of friends and family who immigrated to North America. This song was recently sung at a MCC Centennial Celebration service held at Tabor College on February 29.

About this Sunday’s Scripture: John Coffman proposed to the MCC Executive Committee that it adopt a motto for its work, a brief and clear statement expressing MCC’s motivation. He suggested “In the name of Christ,” taken from Mark 9:41. In 1944 this phrase was adopted as MCC’s official motto.

(adapted from a passage from *Up from the Rubble*, p. 28-29)

## Next Sunday, May 3

Next Sunday Michael Unruh, Executive Director of Camp Mennoscah will be preaching on the Emmaus Road story in Luke 24.

## Offering and Worship

April 19, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 2,450.00
Worship Link Views	=	107
Worship Mailings	=	26

*Views may include more than one person*

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Students, parents, teachers, staff and administration as they continue to learn and teach during this time of distancing and closures. Lord hear our prayer.
- ★ The staff and residents at Bethesda as they continue to take precautions regarding coronavirus, and for all those working in the health care field. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for the care and compassion given to and received by all.
- ★ All who are impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19), including physical health, the isolation of quarantine, travel restrictions, and the anxiety that many are experiencing. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ For the world, for those in positions of power and authority and for all who do justice and love mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors and congregation members facing financial stress due to the impact of coronavirus.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for a Virginia Mennonite Missions team that helped build a community center in Peru. Pray for Elena and Freddy Buckwalter de Satalaya, jointly sponsored by the two agencies, and for the leadership team in Peru as they use the center for kids' activities and worship services.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The work of Mennonite Central Committee. For 100 years MCC has been responding to physical needs throughout the world in a way that includes spreading the Good News of Jesus! *In the name of Christ* is more than a motto. It is a mission. It is being Christ to those in need wherever they are found, in many and varied circumstances. MCC responds when and where there is need. Today MCC is finding ways to live out this motto in regard to Covid19. Thanks be to God for the work of MCC!
- ★ The various ways that people continue to donate to the MCC Relief Sale in spite of the fact that it needed to be cancelled. Special thanks to Keith Banman for the MCC meal fundraiser happening today! Praise God for creativity and generosity!

## Congregational Announcements

In light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), all in-person meetings and events at Tabor are cancelled/postponed until further notice. **In addition, to help prevent the spread of germs, Tabor Church will remain locked at all times. If you have a need to enter the church building, please call the church at 367-2318. If the need is urgent, you may contact a Trustee as well.** Please care for yourself and reach out to a pastor or deacon if you have any concerns or needs for yourself or others.

**Giving at Tabor:** While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church  
891 Chisholm Trail  
Newton Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from you bank account.  
Contact the church for more information.  
367-2318; [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org)
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

**Zoom Gatherings:** Tabor Church now has a Zoom pro account. If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let one of the pastors know and we will get that set up!

## Conference Announcements

### Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale:

**Vehicles for Sale:** The Kansas MCC Sale Board has decided to offer for sale many of the vehicles donated to be sold at this year's Kansas MCC Sale. The cars are priced close to NADA Book Prices which are average prices these cars are currently selling for. Pictures and Descriptions can be found on the MCC Sale website. Go to: [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) Once you are there put your mouse above "Auctions" at top of page and Click on "General". Once you are there you will be able to click on each vehicle for MORE PICTURES and FULL DESCRIPTION. For additional information and to test drive any vehicles call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257.

**Feeding the Multitude:** Each year at the MCC Sale there is a German buffet. The average amount that each "dinner" paid for a meal last year was \$11.80. The Committee would like to propose that those who can, donate \$12.00 a person. This is a reasonable amount for such a good cause. We hope that this will raise awareness of the importance of the MCC Sale. Please make your checks payable to KMRS and mail to Tim Miller, Treasurer, 4805 S Broadacres Road, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

### **Camp Mennoscah announcements:**

—The following are Camp Mennoscah's 2020 Summer Staff, ready to share community and God's love with you, whatever the summer looks like! The summer staffers are Beth Balzer, Sarah Booth, Karina Brandt, Ethan Entz, Kyle Flickinger, Anna Lubbers, Seth Rudeen. We are not giving summer staffers position titles at this time.

—Camp Mennoscah facilities and camp grounds will be closed at least until May 22. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page and YouTube channel! You can also reach us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org). We will continue to update information on our website and social media sites, as well as through email. Stay healthy!

—Send words! Camp Mennoscah will create the 2020 tee shirt from three pairs of words representing important parts of Camp Mennoscah, serious or playful. An example would be Gaga Ball, Verenike Casserole, Campfire Songs. Send your ideas to [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or send a message to the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page by April 30.

### **Covid-19 Resources:**

<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/resources-for-responding-to-covid-19/>  
MCC resource link: <https://mcc.org/covid-19-updates>

### **Opportunities to Give**

**--Western District Conference Hope Fund:** WDC invites contributions to the new WDC Hope Fund, which has been established to receive contributions and offer grants to WDC congregations most impacted by the coronavirus. In some congregations, bi-vocational pastors and church members have lost jobs due to the pandemic, and are facing difficulty meeting daily expenses. Gifts to the WDC Hope Fund will allow WDC to provide grants to congregations to distribute where most needed - whether to meet church expenses, continue pastoral support, or help with rent and groceries for church members. Make contributions to WDC designated "Hope Fund." You can give online at <https://mennowdc.org> (Click on "Donate to WDC") or send a check to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. For more information and grant application forms for congregations, see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

**--Community Relief Fund:** While no one knows the future, your community foundation is being proactive in announcing that we have a fund established for events that might become necessary in our community. Through the CKCF Relief Fund, GCF is currently accepting donations in preparation for the effects of COVID-19 in our community. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and all donations made for this purpose will be granted back into the community where it is needed most, supporting relief efforts. Checks can be made out to the Goessel Community Foundation and dropped off with Peggy at Citizens State Bank in Goessel earmarked for Corova-19 Relief Fund. Donations are also accepted on-line at [centralkansascf.org/covid-19response](http://centralkansascf.org/covid-19response). If you have questions, please contact Dwight Flaming (620-386-4044) [dmflaming@mtelco.net](mailto:dmflaming@mtelco.net)

**--2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee.** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. If you have questions, please ask your church sale contact person(s) or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.

**--New Hope Shelter:** With staff covering all shifts, payroll has increased. Please, consider a financial gift to New Hope to offset increased expenses! Donate online <https://www.newhope-shelter.org/> or send donation to New Hope Shelter, 900 W. Broadway, Bldg 7, Newton, KS 67114.

**--Cloth masks may help protect against the dangers of COVID-19.** If you sew, you can sew masks and donate them to various facilities that may need them. We have had a specific request from Prairie View in Newton, and there are many others in need, such as Bethesda in Goessel, other area nursing homes and more. Please call the facility you would like to sew for to learn if there are certain specifications and if they are accepting masks at the time.

--If you know of other opportunities to give, please let the church office know so that we can list those as well.

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### Hymns for Worship

#### **Take Thou My Hand, O Father**

Hymnal: A Worship Book, No. 581

Take thou my hand, O Father, and lead thou me,  
until my journey endeth eternally.  
Alone I will not wander one single day.  
Be thou my true companion and with me stay.

O cover with thy mercy my poor, weak heart!  
Let ev'ry thought rebellious from me depart.  
Permit thy child to linger here at thy feet,  
and fully trust thy goodness with faith complete.

Though naught of thy great power may move my soul,  
with thee through night and darkness I reach the goal.  
Take, then, my hand, O Father, and lead thou me,  
until my journey endeth eternally.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

## Refrain

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

You are a light on the hill, O People, light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

We are the bless'd and a pilgrim people, bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

