

Genesis 9:8-17
The Covenant with Noah

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 21, 2021
The First Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome and Announcements

Holly Swartzendruber

Prelude to Worship

Shirley Baltzer

*Call to Worship

Holly Swartzendruber

*God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore
Into unknown waters.*

*With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,
Letting them go, trusting the sea.*

God, we trust the signs of your covenant:

The ark through the water,

The waters of baptism,

The bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

*Prayer

Hymn

Oceans

VT 456

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,

Avoiding you,

Avoiding our

neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads,

*Needing you,
Needing our neighbors.*
(Silence)
*Deep calls to deep.
You call us from the depth of your love, **Calling
us to deep relationship.
We come to you, God.***

Hymn Out of the Depths I Cry to You VT 140

SHARING

Children's Time Aleen Ratzlaff
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Hymn Your Love is Washing Over Me VT 166

LISTENING

The Lesson Genesis 9:8-17
Sermon Signs of the Covenant Tom Harder

RESPONDING

Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need VT 640
Sending Pastor Tom
Postlude Shirley Baltzer

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL *who are gathered to worship, wherever you are,
and whenever you are able to watch this service!*

Today, February 21– The Hesston College Theatre department will present its final performance of “Silent Sky,” a play by Lauren Gunderson about pioneering astronomer Henrietta Leavitt in the early 20th century. The show features live music by faculty members **Dr. Holly Swartzendruber** and Ken Rodgers, beginning at 2 p.m, in the Hesston High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be reserved online at hesston.edu/bookstore, by phone at 620.327.8105, or purchased on site. Seating is limited, and masks are required.

MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home update - We are halfway through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300

completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz](#) Facebook page. Need batting? Contact Charlotte's Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at 316.284.2547. And THANK YOU to everyone working to create beautiful comforters for MCC!

February 25– Join individuals from across the Western District Conference via Zoom on **Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7:00pm** to talk about "**Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness**" by Leslie Verner. Email Jennie at the Resource Library to register for the discussion or to borrow a book at crlib@mennowdc.org

April 10, “Plants and Things” MCC Booth– One of the most popular booths at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is "Plants and Things," where you have traditionally been able to buy flowers, shrubs, and garden plants. Since July is a bit late to be thinking about starting or adding to a garden, the "**Plants and Things**" booth **will be open on April 10 at the regularly scheduled time. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. They will be accepting the plants that you wish to bring to the sale.** So please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event.

If any questions arise, please contact Kristi Unruh at 620-3456867 or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com.