

John 17:6-23

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter **May 16, 2021**

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Marcia Brubaker
Welcome and Announcements		Deryll Amstutz
Prelude to Worship		Marcia Brubaker
*Call to Worship		VT 853
*Prayer		
Hymn	Gathered Here	VT 3
Time for Children		Erin Unruh

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	Our God in Heaven	VT 673

LISTENING

The Lesson		John 17:6-23
Sermon	Jesus Prays for His Disciples	Pastor Tom Harder

RESPONDING

Response	Somebody Prayed for Me	VT 698
More Hymns of Easter		VT 333-362
Postlude		Marcia Brubaker

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

TODAY – Bethel College celebrates its 128th commencement (4 p.m.) in Thresher Stadium, with Memorial Hall as a rain back-up. Because of COVID-19 protocols, admission is by ticket only, with graduates receiving a certain number each. Please keep the Class of 2021 and their families in your prayers.

Please enjoy an outdoor country gospel show at 6 p.m. May 22 by artist **Rusty Rierson. Rusty will perform through the evening in City Park in Burns, Kan.** Bring along a lawn chair or blanket. A freewill offering will be taken at the show. Please visit <https://rustyrierson.com> to learn more about Rusty.

You are invited to an evening of gospel music at the Parkview Church Sunday, May 23 at 7 p.m. Eduard Klassen is a Paraguayan folk harpist now living in Canada who has presented over 4500 music concerts in 42 countries since making a personal commitment to Christ. Eduard's natural sense of humor helps him to develop an excellent rapport with audiences wherever he goes. His wife Christine joins him on the keyboard. CDs will be available for purchase, and a freewill offering will be received.

MCC Central States COVID-19 update: We look forward to re-opening the MCC office in North Newton on July 6. Please keep us in your prayers as we consider our protocols, processes and capacity. Material resource donations continue to be accepted in the 24-hour donation room. Financial donations can be made at mcc.org, mailed to the office (MCC Central States PO BOX 235 North Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off by appointment. Please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

Get your MCC Relief Sale gear online at <https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/>. The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.

Help set up camp! Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by May 15 by contacting 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

In response to increased violence and hate crimes against Asian American Pacific Islander people, the Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership Steering Committee made a statement urging the church to work together to call out anti-Asian rhetoric and abuse. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/aapi-statement/>. Also, consider attending the [Christian Faith & Anti-Asian Violence Workshop](#) sponsored by Mennonite Church USA, Roots of Justice, and ReconciliAsian on **Friday, May 28th, 2021 at 6:30 CDT**. To register, go to <http://reconciliasian.org/new-events>.