

Ephesians 1:3-14 NRSV **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship **July 11, 2021** **“Who Shall Stand?”**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalms 24:1-8

Marcia Brubaker

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The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

*Prayer

*Hymns of Gathering

Gott ist die Liebe

VT 158

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VT 156
Time for Children Erin Unruh

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Hymn I Sought the Lord Jeff Wintermote VT 161

LISTENING

The Lesson Sermon Who Shall Stand? Ephesians 1:3-14 Doug Miller

RESPONDING

Hymn When We Walk with the Lord VT 570
Benediction The Lord Lift You Up VT 832
Postlude Marcia Brubaker

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

Today's offering will go to WDC. If you would like to direct your offering elsewhere, please make a note in the memo of your check.

DON'T FORGET: The sewing group is making Dignity kits for MCC. We still need ladies' cotton briefs (sm, med, lg), hand towels, washcloths, bars of bath soap, bars of laundry soap, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, wooden or plastic clothespins. Please put any of the above donations in the storage cart in the narthex. Thank you!

Extra help needed for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. Volunteer kitchen staff is needed for July 18-24; willing hands and the ability to follow directions is all that is needed. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah July 17-18! If you're looking for a weekend to escape, this retreat offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to be with your family and friends. Register at campmennoscah.org and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

The MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS is now open to the public. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and

1pm-5pm. Masks are respected but not required for fully vaccinated adults. We look forward to welcoming you back at MCC! Contact us at 316-283-2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

The 2021 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, and others.

Join in this special Annual Assembly storytelling opportunity! WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." StoryCorps has invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, *One Small Step*, to share and record our own stories within WDC. *One Small Step* is an initiative to facilitate conversations across differences. It's a chance to spend time virtually with someone different than you and discover the stories behind each other's beliefs. To join another WDC member for an online conversation, sign up at <https://onesmallstep.storycorps.org/wdc/>.