

## James 3:13 – 4:10 (NRSV)

### *Two Kinds of Wisdom*

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

### *Friendship with the World*

**4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup> But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

“God opposes the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.”

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

## **Sunday** **October 3, 2021** **The Wisdom from Above**

### **GATHERING**

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Keith Harder
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 866	Keith Harder
*Prayer		
*Hymn	Open the Eyes of My Heart	VT 401
Psalm 1		

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;*

**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Hymn	O God, We Read the Holy Law	VT 571
Time for Children		Judy Harder

### **SHARING**

Sharing and Prayer		Tom Harder
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Hymn O God, You Search Me VT 199

### LISTENING

The Lesson James 3:13-4:10  
Sermon The Wisdom from Above Tom Harder

### RESPONDING

Hymn Your Grace Is Enough VT 167  
Sending  
Postlude Shirley Baltzer  
Congregational Meeting

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

**Ministries Council will meet Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the chapel.**

**COVID-19 protocols:** The FMC Covid response team is urging the following regarding the Covid virus: 1. Masks are required when we gather indoors, 2. FMC should reduce capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to 50%.

**The Gospel Echoes Teams will be holding their annual prison ministry banquet** Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Journey at Yoder Activity Center, 3605 E. Long View Rd., Haven, KS. This program is a collaboration of multiple teams coming together for this special presentation. The song arrangements were put together for a recent video produced for prison broadcast. The theme includes songs about the cross, Christ's resurrection and the victory we have in Jesus. The evening will include a homestyle dinner, music and a prison ministry presentation. For tickets, contact Dale and Miriam Lehman at 620.694.9823.

**MCC in North Newton currently has over 800 sets of comforter tops and backs that need to be tied**, as well as kits of fabric that can be sewn into more tops. MCC's partners all around the world value these handmade comforters as useful, beautiful and tangible expressions of love. If you or your sewing group would be interested in tying or sewing for MCC, or if you have questions and are curious about how to make a comforter, please contact Kate Mast at the MCC Material Resources Center at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or 316-283-2720.

**The 2021 Worship and the Arts Symposium at Bethel College, "Joining Voices Together," originally scheduled for Nov. 5-8, has**

**been postponed** due to COVID precautions. The symposium will be rescheduled for fall 2022, with a new date to be announced soon. The “Voices Together” art exhibition will still take place as planned, with original artwork from the *Voices Together* hymnal on display Oct. 29-Nov. 19 in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus.

**Hartland Pregnancy Care is hosting its Hartland Fundraising Banquet Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wild Prairie Event Center in Newton, KS.** Outlaw BBQ is catering the meal. This year’s fundraiser speaker is David Williams. David shares the devastation of abortion and the forgiveness and healing of Jesus Christ that has transformed his life. David’s story is so important for all to hear. Registration is open! Call 316.283.7333 now to reserve your seat.