

Colossians 3:1-11 (NRSV)

The New Life in Christ

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

**In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.**

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2022

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome, Announcements		Aleen Ratzlaff
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 856	Aleen Ratzlaff
*Prayer		
*Song of Gathering	Wonderful Grace of Jesus	VT 170
The First Lesson	Colossians 1:15-20	

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or
rulers or powers--all things have been created through him
and for him.*

*He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first
place in everything.*

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all
things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross.*

Song	Christ, We Do All Adore Thee	VT 138
Time for God's Children		Tammy Wintermote

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
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Bringing our First Fruits
Offertory
Hymn

Rain Down

VT 703

LISTENING

The Second Lesson
Message

Raised with Christ

Colossians 3:1-11
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Sending
Postlude

Renew Your Church

VT 717
Colossians 3:12-15
Shirley Baltzer

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ **Continuing to pray through our directory –**
- ❖ **Pray for those battling cancer.**
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Join the Church Planting Commission in praying for WDC congregations to discover new opportunities for bringing healing and hope in their ministry contexts, according to the vision Jesus proclaimed of God's kingdom. Likewise, that God would strengthen or create new connections between older congregations and newer congregations and church plants, so that we may learn from one another. – Pastor Caleb Yoder

Announcements:

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY!** Jeff Wintermote will be bringing a sermon based on the Western District Conference Assembly theme "United in Purpose, Together in Love." In preparation you may read the following scriptures: Hebrews 10:19-25; Hebrews 11:1-3; and Isaiah 1:1-18
- ❖ **Peppernuts Party coming soon!** Be sure to find your name and check all the boxes on the sheet in the foyer to let us know when you are available and what you are willing to consider doing to join the party on August 12 and 13th. Checking the boxes does NOT mean that you want to do all of those things,

just that you would be ok to do any of them as we fit people into the schedule.

- ❖ **Sat., Aug. 6 – Kauffman Museum first-Saturday bird walk, 7 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets in North Newton. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

- ❖ We are invited to join **Trinity Mennonite Church** for outdoor worship and picnic on **August 14** on the front lawn of Trinity Mennonite Church at 10:30 am. "Hopeful Blues" will be providing the musical program for the morning. They are a musical group from Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. Please **bring food to share and lawn chairs**. Join us as we celebrate the end of summer as school starts that week.