

First Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome

We Prepare to Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5 (from The Message)

Jenny Epp

Hank and Erin Unruh

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Hank and Erin

O my soul, bless GOD. **From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name!**

O my soul, bless GOD, **don't forget a single blessing!**

He forgives your sins—**every one.**

He heals your diseases—**every one.**

He redeems you from hell—**saves your life!**

He crowns you with love and mercy—a **paradise crown.**

He wraps you in goodness—**beauty eternal.**

He renews your youth—**you're always young in his presence.**

*Prayer

Song

Bless the Lord (10,000 reasons)

Grey Sgbk 69

Psalm 103:6-18

Hank and Erin

Song

We sing to you, O God

Grey Sgbk 27

Time for Children

Hank and Erin

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Tom

Song

Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Grey Sgbk 75

The Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Meditation

“Welcome the Who?”

Pastor Tom

Song

Unity

Grey Sgbk 36

*Benediction

Psalm 103:19-22

Pastor Tom

GOD has set his throne in heaven; he rules over us all.

He's the King!

So bless GOD, you angels, ready and able to fly at his bidding, quick to hear and do what he says.

Bless the Lord!

Bless GOD, all you armies of angels, alert to respond to whatever he wills.

Bless the Lord!

Bless GOD, all creatures, wherever you are—everything and everyone made by GOD.

Bless the Lord!

And you, O my soul,

Bless the Lord!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECKY'S OFFICE HOURS ARE CHANGING. Starting this week, Becky will be in the office from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday **instead of** 9-noon. Pastor Tom will still have some morning office hours, but if you have basic needs you can call or visit Becky in the afternoons. If you leave a message in the morning, she will return your call in the afternoon. She will also be checking her email frequently throughout the day.

A couple of changes:

- Any information for the midweek e-newsletter will be due by noon on Wednesdays.
- Bulletin information/announcements will be due by noon on Thursdays.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP in this summer's food 4 kids program. We served 3,393 meals! This was 856 more meals than last year. The lowest number we served was 8 on the first day and the largest number was 85 on a day we served Prairie View lunches as well. Our average was 46 people a day. This program cost \$20,000 and we received \$17,894 in donations, so we were thankful for a reserve from previous years to draw on. We count it an honor to partner with Jesus to feed the hungry of our community.

~Summer Food 4 Kids, Norma Duerksen—Coordinator

WURST FUNDRAISER EVER: You're invited to a German-themed drive-thru carryout meal fundraiser to benefit MCC, Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, KS. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQPpa3BLRS7> or by calling 316-217-1932. Hope to see you there!

ROMANS 14:1-12

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.