

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

David Anointed King of All Israel

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹ David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Worship in the Park
July 4, 2021
A Sermon for the Fourth of July

GATHERING

Gathering Music	Jenny Epp
Welcome and Announcements	Holly Swartzendruber
Prelude to Worship	Jenny Epp
*Call to Worship	Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14 Holly Swartzendruber

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory.

Let Mount Zion be glad,

let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell
the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

He will be our guide forever.

*Prayer

*Hymns of Gathering "Psalm 48"

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God, on the mountain of his holiness
Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth
Is Mt. Zion on the side of the north, the city of the great king. (2x)*

Time for Children You Are Good VT 33
Aleen Ratzlaff

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer Pastor Tom
Hymn For the Healing of the Nations VT 705

LISTENING

The Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-10
Sermon A Sermon for the Fourth of July Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

In Our Speaking VT 1043
In Our Singing This Is My Song VT 710
In Our Sending VT 1068
Postlude

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

The church office will be closed Monday morning but will open 2-5 p.m.

The sewing group is making Dignity kits for MCC. We are sewing the basic kits but need help collecting the other items to fill them. We 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 on 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 will be open to the public starting Tuesday, July 6. 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.

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/>.