

Ezekiel 11:14-21 (NRSV)

God Will Restore Israel

¹⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁵ Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles,^[a] the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, "They have gone far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession." ¹⁶ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while^[a] in the countries where they have gone. ¹⁷ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸ When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. ¹⁹ I will give them one^[a] heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹ But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations,^[a] I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship **October 10, 2021** **Heart Condition**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

Marcia Brubaker

Doug Miller

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*Prayer

*Hymn

Hymn

God Is Here among Us

Come, Thou Fount

Doug Miller

VT 62

VT 563

SHARING

Time for Children

Sharing and Prayer

Prayer Song

On Silken, Soft Wings

Tammy Wintermote

Nadine Friesen

VT 676

LISTENING

Scripture

Message

Ezekiel 11:14-21

Heart Condition

Doug Miller

Wendell Loewen

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response
*Sending Hymn
Postlude

Spirit, Open My Heart
The Lord Lift You Up

VT 636
VT 832
Marcia Brubaker

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

Today's special offering will go to support MCC Meat Canning.

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%.

Alive Sunday School Class Study: The Alive Sunday school class is meeting in the chapel each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. This fall we are reading and discussing the book *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*, by Scott Bader-Saye (2d ed., 2020). Come join us!

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, or 316-283-2720.

In the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Roots and Wings: Our Gift from Mother Nature," a group exhibition by the Springdale Arts and Nature Center, Halstead, including sculpture by Beth Vannatta, through Oct. 22. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun, 2-4 p.m. *Bethel's current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

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.

Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, “Bethel Sings,” featuring small and large groups, 4 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to the Ad Building steps, or Memorial Hall in case of rain.