

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (NRSV)

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 23, 2022
“The Church of God, the Church of Christ,” Part 2,
“Has Christ Been Divided?”

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Marcia Brubaker
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting		Doug Bartel
Prelude to Worship		Marcia Brubaker
*Call to Worship	VT #856	Doug Bartel
*Prayer		
*Hymn	Summoned by the God Who Made Us	VT 1
Psalm 2 (from <i>The Message</i> , by Eugene Peterson)		

Why the big noise, nations? Why the mean plots, peoples?

**Earth-leaders push for position, Demagogues and delegates
meet for summit talks, The God-deniers, the Messiah-defiers:
“Let’s get free of God! Cast loose from Messiah!”**

*Heaven-throned God breaks out laughing. At first he’s amused at
their presumption; then he gets good and angry. Furiously, he
shuts them up: “Don’t you know there’s a King in Zion? A
coronation banquet is spread for him on the holy summit.”*

**Let me tell you what GOD said next. He said, “You’re my son,
And today is your birthday. What do you want? Name it:
Nations as a present? Continents as a prize? You can
command them all to dance for you, or throw them out with
tomorrow’s trash.”**

So, rebel-kings, use your heads; upstart-judges, learn your lesson:

**Worship GOD in adoring embrace, celebrate in trembling awe.
Kiss Messiah! Your very lives are in danger, you know; His
anger is about to explode,**

But if you make a run for God—you won’t regret it!

Hymn

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

VT 4

Time for God's Children

Deryll Amstutz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Hymn

On Silken, Soft Wings

Pastor Tom
VT 676

LISTENING

Scripture
Message

Has Christ Been Divided?

1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn
Benediction
Postlude

Together

VT 389
Pastor Tom
Marcia Brubaker

This morning's sermon is the second in a sermon series on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "The Church of God, the Church of Christ."

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

All members and regular attenders please remain for lunch and our annual meeting today in the fellowship hall after the worship service.

Wednesdays at FMC: Plans for Wednesdays at FMC this winter and spring and a starting date will be announced soon.

WANTED for the Kansas MCC Sale General Auction: Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles, Campers, etc. Call Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257, for details and pickup NOW so we have time to get them cleaned up and ready for the sale in April. ALL proceeds go to MCC. We usually get GOOD prices for your donations. Help make a difference in the lives of those struggling around the world through MCC. Thank you!

Hesston College invites you to enjoy a production of *Freedom Riders* by the Mad River Theater Works Friday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. The performance is offered as part of the 2021-2022 Sunflower Performing Arts season.

“This original play with live music looks at the work of the Freedom Riders – people, both black and white, who rode together on buses that crossed state lines in order to protest the illegal segregation practices still in use in the early 1960s. The play emphasizes the importance of working together and the value of non-violent protest. At this time when our nation, our world, is engulfed in divisiveness and distrust, we need to examine these important ideas – collaboration, peace and trusting others – and this play will help us do so.”

Buhler Mennonite Church’s ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER is just a few weeks away on Wednesday, February

9. While we will not have a dine-in experience in our church basement, we will be offering a carry-out featuring noodle soup, pie and bread. ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 26. Call or text 620-664-7699 or 620-727-5128 to let us know how many orders you want. Pick up will be at the north entrance of the church from 4:00-6:30 on Wednesday, February 9. **ENTER FROM THE SOUTH SIDE PARKING LOT ON B STREET.** This is a free will offering with all proceeds going to outreach meals. Checks may be made out to Buhler Mennonite Church – cash donations will also be accepted that evening. Buhler Mennonite Church – 220 W Ave B, Buhler, KS 67522

Sat., Jan. 29 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, “Famous Kansans,” noon - 4 p.m. (with food trucks in the museum parking lot starting at 11:30 a.m.), *museum and grounds.* Along with activities inside and outside the museum, there will be presentations on Gordon Parks (Kirk Sharp, director of the Gordon Parks Museum), Blackbear Bosin (Erin Raux, director of the Mid-America All-Indian Center) and William Allen White (Bev Buller, author and retired educator). For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org. *Current Bethel COVID protocols require masking indoors regardless of vaccination status.*