

Jeremiah 1:4-9 (NRSV)

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

- 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for
I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the
LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 30, 2022
“For a Purpose”

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Prelude to Worship

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 139:1-12)

Shirley Baltzer

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O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

*Prayer Hymn God, Be the Love
Call to Worship, *contin.* (Psalm 139:13-18)

VT 43
Sandy Hiebert

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.*

Hymn O God, You Search Me
Time for God's Children

VT 199
Diane Mason

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer
Hymn You Are All We Have

Pastor Tom
VT 701

LISTENING

Scripture
Message For a Purpose

Jeremiah 1:4-9
Diane Mason

RESPONDING

Hymn Take My Life, and Let It Be
Benediction
Postlude

VT 759
Diane Mason
Shirley Baltzer

We welcome back Diane and Ronnie Mason! Diane is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren.

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

Please join MCC in praying for peace and safety for everyone in Burkina Faso and Ukraine. MCC staff and partners are safe in both countries and are following security protocols. In Ukraine, there are two SALT participants from Kansas Micah Epp from North Newton and Aaron Ensz from Buhler, please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

The 2021 Tabor College Exaudio Lecture Series, which was rescheduled in October, is presented Wednesday, Feb. 2 and Thursday, Feb. 3 featuring Dr. David Janzen, the President of Tabor College. President Janzen, former faculty member at California Polytechnic State University and cofounder of Steadfast Innovation LLC, will give two public lectures in the Richert Auditorium on the Tabor College campus. Dr. Janzen will present his lecture “Asking the Right Questions” Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. and “The Paradox of Christian Entrepreneurship” Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

Have a heart for refugees! The WDC Immigration Task Force encourages your congregation to offer a “love gift” of cleaning supplies between now and February 14 for arriving families. International Rescue Committee Wichita resettled 350 families last month alone! They come with so little. Let’s remember our own immigrant history and be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing good news to our neighbors. You may drop off donations of supplies at the WDC Office (2517 N Main, North Newton) 8 am-4:30 pm Mon-Fri or at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E First, Newton) from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs & Sunday mornings. Email office@shalomnewton.org if you cannot drop off supplies during daytime hours. For more information, click IRC Donations List for the Cleaning Supply Kit List and other needed items. To make a monetary donation, go to: rescue.org/united-states/wichita-ks. Thank you!

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!