

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for those who are experiencing health struggles, including: Ruth Yodxr, Bill Barrxtt, Eleanor, Jeanie's brother Don, Suzanne Hostetlrx, and Kyle Yodexr (Alvin & RuthAnn's grandson), and others. May our healing God provide strength and restoration to each of them.
- Pray for all those suffering from Covid-19. Give thanks that Carol Bxck is feeling better as she awaits follow-up test results. Kyle's friend Sherre is home but still on oxygen; she anticipates a long road ahead before she can return to work, and appreciates our prayers. Pray that God would grant strength to all the medical staff who are working hard to care for patients, especially in hard-hit areas. May the Holy Spirit inspire our patience, compassion, and acts of love for one another.
- Pray for Bradley, Renee and their family as they prepare to move to Goshen, and all the transitions (saying good-bye, packing, changing jobs, school, social life) that comes with it. May God's grace surround them in this time.
- Pray for local, state, national, and global leaders, that they would make wise decisions, speak the truth, and reject selfish ambition.
- Pray for love and wisdom as we relate to people with different views.
- A prayer from the MCC Ottawa office: We pray that we would respond in this time of crisis with grace and compassion, leaving xenophobia and suspicion behind. We pray for wisdom for global leaders and public health officials. We pray that we will consistently remember to put the needs of the most vulnerable first. We pray for people on the move, who find themselves facing situations of closed borders and uncertain access to care. We pray for those without social supports and in places of confinement and imprisonment. We pray, too, for moments of gratitude, joy and connection. In Jesus name, amen.

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We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Psalm 133:1, 3

How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters
live together in peace!

It is like the dew on Mount Hermon that falls on the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord commanded his blessing, life forever.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer: Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Guide me in the path of your commands; for there is my delight.

Bend my heart to your will and not to selfish gain.

Keep my eyes from what is false; by your word, give me life.

Keep the promise you have made to the servant who fears you.

Keep me from the disgrace that I dread, for your decrees are good.

See, I long for your precepts;

in your righteousness, give me life. Amen.

Congregational song – Here in this Place - H #6

Offering prayer

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

Message: Of birthrights and bitter rivalry

Response song

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory prayer

Sending song – The Lord lift you up – SJ #43

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid-19 Update: Upon further consideration, the Elder Leadership Team decided that we should not have singing as part of our worship services at this time. Evidence indicates that singing puts higher levels and smaller particles of aerosol into the air, and that homemade masks are not a sufficient barrier. We all love to sing and will certainly miss doing so together, yet it just isn't worth the risk. As we listen to music during worship, we trust that we can praise God and receive the gift of music using our ears, eyes, hearts, hands (for clapping), and feet (for tapping)!

Our Daily Bread. Wednesday Kim will be serving the carry out meals. No one else is needed to serve meals. Cookies *are* needed. Please bring them to the church by noon on Wednesday, July 22. Thanks!

Wed., July 22, 6:00-7:00 pm, at *Bethel church*. **A book study and discussion group** using Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew Hxrt. If you are participating, we'll be discussing chapter 3. If you're interested in joining via Zoom, contact Alex Dyx or Rebecca.

Renovation update: Bethel received approval from the county for the project. We anticipate construction starting the week of July 27.

Join the leadership team of Mennonite Church USA for **Race, Church and Change, Part 2**, a follow-up panel discussion on the impact of racism on the church and meaningful solutions for dismantling it. Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. On Zoom or Facebook Live. Register here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

Virtual Pipeline to Prison learning tour. Join MCC Great Lakes for a *virtual* Pipeline to Prison learning tour. Explore the complex dynamics of the U.S. criminal justice system from different perspectives and learn about practical opportunities for engagement and advocacy efforts in your local context. Through five online sessions, participants will explore the connections between broad systemic issues of racism and incarceration down through the local level, all through the lens of Anabaptist faith.

This **free virtual learning tour** will take place **each Monday in August** from 2-3:30 p.m. (EST). Registration is limited to 25 participants. The goal is for all participants to commit to attending each virtual session to get the full learning experience. For more information and to register visit mcc.org/gl-pipeline-to-prison-virtual or call 574.534.4133.

Mennonite Central Committee Centennial Celebration! Join the virtual event on Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 pm EDT. MCC will be broadcasting live from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana, as we offer thanks to God and pray for the future of MCC's ministry of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. This livestream event will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded speakers and music. Use this link to watch the event: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker.

WEDNESDAY

4:15 p.m. – Our Daily Bread

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – *Trouble I've Seen* book study.
At Bethel or by Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Worship. Rebecca Kauffmxn, speaker

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Michelle Lxnk

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance 25

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for
God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – July 19

Worship leader: Donna Lehmxn

Music leader: Janet Wilkxns

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Ed & Kim Lehmxn

Sound/media: Andrew Bloxnt

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – July 26

Worship leader: Dick Lindemxr

Music leader:

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters:

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn