

Eden Mennonite Church
Moundridge, Kansas
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Second Sunday in Lent and Peace Sunday

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Brenda Dalke
Welcome & Announcements Jay Goering
Introduction of Speaker Jeff Koller
Lighting of Peace Lamp

***Call to Worship** (based on 2 Cor 4:6, John 1:4,5, 8:12, Matt 5:16, Isa 49:6)

Leader: O God of grace and God of glory, we praise you as the one who spoke at the beginning of all things and said, "Let there be light."

All: We praise you as the one who has shone in our hearts the light of Jesus Christ. For in him was life and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: Your light, O God, still shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

All: Lord, you who said, "I am the light of the world," invite us to share the light, saying, "Let your light shine before others."

Leader: We light this lamp to remember that God said to us: "I will give you as a light to the nations so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

***Hymn of Praise #366 HWB** (blue) *God of grace and God of glory*

Special Music John McCutcheon

Children's Story John McCutcheon

Come bring your burdens to God

Prayers of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness (Unison)

O God of mercy and compassion, you are the one who counts our tears and hears our deepest sighs. You know the secrets of our hearts. We confess to you today that bitter memories and hopes of revenge sometimes choke our best intentions. Lost in the past, we drown out the thankfulness that wells up inside us again and again.

O God, release us from our violent dreams and fill us with gracious visions of the world as you would have it. And reassure us that if we sing your song in this strange land, and live from your love poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit, all things are possible. In the name of Christ our Lord, amen.

~ from Thomas H. Troeger, *Borrowed Light*. New York: Oxford (1994), 170. Adapted.

***Hymn 411 HWB** (blue)

I bind my heart this tide

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:1-13 Larry Temple

Message "The Meek Are Getting Ready" John McCutcheon

O Lord, hear our prayers

Prayers of God's people Pastor Dave

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Going Forth in God's Name

*** Benediction** Pastor Dave

Christ is our peace. In his own flesh he has ...broken down the dividing wall of hostility...He came proclaiming peace to you who were far off and peace to you who were near...that he might create in himself one new humanity. Christ is our peace. Amen, *(based on Ephesians 2:14, 17, 15)*

*** Hymn of Response 118 HWB** (blue)

Praise God from whom

Postlude

*Please stand if able

We extend a warm welcome to all who came to worship. Please greet the visitors near you and invite them to stay for lunch in the fellowship hall.

If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card found next to the hymnals and drop it in the offering plate. A nursery is available for small children. Ask an usher to direct you.

Announcements

The Lenten readings for this week, (usually found on the back of your bulletin) are: Genesis 12:14a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17, John 3:1-17 or Matthew 11:7-9, Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.