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At New Creation we seek to celebrate our differences as gifts and blessings - our differences in color, gender, sexual orientation, and the many other ways we are categorized by the world. You are welcome in this place as we journey together, discerning how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

PRAYER requests

Western District Conference: Pray for Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, a WDC church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.

Mennonite Mission Network: With only a month left to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.

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April 2, 2023



The Christ candle at the front of the sanctuary is wrapped in purple to symbolize worship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements..... Mona Krievins

Opening Song: All Glory, Laud, and Honor..... VT 315
Call to Worship

Song for Communion: Put Peace into Each Other's Hands.. VT 485
Participating in the Lord's Supper

Offering

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-17

Song: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT 313

Children's Time Kristin Neufeld Epp

Processional with Palm Branches (all are invited to walk and sing)

Songs on bulletin insert:

Hosanna, Son of David

Ride On, King Jesus

Teaching Mitch Stutzman
That Escalated Quickly

Sharing and Praying Together..... "O God, hear us"

Sending Song: Jesus, Remember Me (repeated)..... VT327

Benediction

Contributions March 26: General Fund: \$2047
College Scholarship: \$200 MCC paper goods: \$30

	<u>April 2 - Palm Sunday</u>	<u>April 9 - Easter</u>
Worship leader	Mona K	Megan T
Song leader	Vicki L	Vicki L & Melodie T
Musicians	Rhonda H	Ian GG & Aaron V
Sound & video	Hurst family	George K & Galen M
Children's time	Kristin NE	Kristin NE
Speaker	Mitch S	Renee R
Care of building	Rodney & Carmina S	?
Communion	Carmina S, Audrey R, Galen M & Chuck N	n/a
Children's Church	Eliza E & Norm L	n/a

Children's Church: Eliza E and Norm L will be providing care today.

Communion: Please note that for communion there is a shift today from the most recent practice. For this Sunday, we invite all who would like to receive communion to come forward to the table and be served the elements to eat and drink at that time. Please allow for 6 feet of spacing as you line up to receive those. There will also be a small amount of communion glasses and crackers (gluten-free pretzels) at a table behind the back benches for those that are more comfortable with joining in by themselves.

New Creation's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The date has been decided, so please reserve this weekend on your calendars: October 7-8, 2023. People have already offered some great ideas and volunteered to carry those out! The planning committee to coordinate all of this is Kristin N-E, Melodie T, and Mona K. They would like to put out a final call to see if one or two others are also interested. Then a first meeting of that group will be scheduled for the week after Easter. Please contact Mona by April 2 if you have interest.

Making Coffee: We are looking for volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. We have a timer on our coffee maker so the coffee pot will be ready for folks to make coffee for our 10:00 Fellowship Time. If you would like to sign up to make coffee, please let Brenda know.

Masks Recommended: We are mindful in our practice of masking and we recommend that you join us in this practice.

For Holy Week, Audrey Ratzlaff will lead a service entitled "Singing Through the Wilderness" on **Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm**. Worship will begin with hand washing and Communion and will include the telling of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion (John 18-19), along with songs and poetry. If you would be interested in reading a portion of Scripture, please contact Audrey as soon as possible. All are welcome to attend in the sanctuary or on zoom.

Congregational Meeting April 16: COVID 19, vaccinations, study/work/worship remotely, travel bans, masking policies... **Where is God in all of this?** What scriptures, poems, songs, spiritual practices have been helping you to be aware of God's presence during this difficult time?

On Sunday, April 16, the LCRT will be facilitating the congregational meeting/worship time around reflecting on our current "Masks Recommended" policy. We want to frame our worship/meeting within the larger context of the experience of the pandemic, our personal inner journey during this time and our journey as a community.

We invite you to send songs, poems, scriptures or brief stories that have been meaningful to you during this time to Carmina Suter, Leia Lawrence, or John Murray. We will incorporate as many of them into the April 16 worship/meeting time as possible. Childcare during the meeting will be provided by Eliza E and Shawna H.

All **Western District Conference women** are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tues., April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas, beginning with a salad potluck at 6 p.m. followed by Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45 p.m. There is no cost to this event, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. Please email your RSVP if attending in person and bring a salad to share. Contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245 for questions.

Do you drink coffee that comes in a large tin can? **Camp Mennoscah is looking for lids that fit on a #10 can** for a sorting and storage project. We'll take just the lids or the lids and cans. Contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Easter

Easter Schedule:

- 9:30 am Fellowship in the pavilion
with hot beverages and sweet treats
egg hunt for the children on the playground
- 10:15 am Worship (note early start time)



Easter flowers: You are invited to bring fresh spring cut flowers to decorate the cross and the windowsills. The cross, a symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Ways to help:

- 1) donate candy or candy filled eggs
Bring all plastic eggs and candy to the church kitchen any time before Easter morning.
- 2) See Kristin if you want to help hide the eggs



Easter Sermon: Renee Reimer will be preaching from Matthew 28:1-10 about seeing the Lord living and breathing. She will invite people to bring a brief comment about how they have seen the Lord living and breathing on Easter (there will be an open mic time for this).

A benefit for Mennonite Central Committee

KMRS

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale



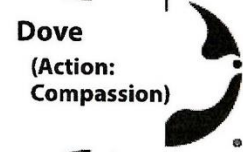
April 14 & 15, 2023

Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson

Info @ www.kansas.mccsale.org or
Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Offering hope by joyfully giving

Prepare donations for the General, Kids', Quilt or Silent auctions, bake goods, Kansas Crafts; Participate by volunteering--hundreds of volunteers needed (visit sale website) & Plan to attend!



Friday:

- 4-8:30 p.m Sale booth and activities open
- 4 - 8 p.m. Feeding the Multitude in Cottonwood Ct. & live music in Sunflower North
- 6 p.m Silent Auction Bidding opens & packing MCC Hygiene Kits in Pride of Kansas

Saturday:

- 7-10 a.m. Breakfast @ Cottonwood Crt.
- Booths open @ 8 a.m.
- 5K Run for Relief @ 8 a.m. Rice Park
- Quilt & General Auction @ 8:45 a.m. until midafternoon
- 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Feeding the Multitude
- Pride of Kansas Bldg: Kids' Auction @ 10 a.m. followed by Memorabilia Auction @ 11 a.m.
- Surplus Auction--bid on excess sale supplies @ 2:30 p.m. (approx)

6 different Auctions:
General, Quilt, Memorabilia, Silent, Kids' and Surplus...

**Authentic German/Russian/
Swiss Mennonite Foods**

**Homemade Burritos, Bake
Goods, Pies and Ice Cream**

Kansas Crafts ~ Quilter's Corner

Ten Thousands Villages
(Fair Trade coffee/teas/chocolate)

Kids' Activities
9-hole mini-golf & inflatables

in Pride of Kansas Bldg

Hosanna, Son of David – HOS 69

Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
(Repeat)

Verse 1:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
(Repeat)

Chorus (1x):

Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
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Verse 2:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Chorus (1X):

Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
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Verse 3:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Chorus:

Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!
(Repeat)

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Ride on, King Jesus – HOS 18b

Refrain:

Ride on, King Jesus,
No one can a-hinder Thee!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on,
No one can a-hinder, Thee.

1. King Jesus rides to Jerusalem.
No one can a-hinder Thee.
Hosanna to King David's son.
(refrain)
2. He rides upon a donkey small...
The King of Peace, the Lord of all.
(refrain)
3. The children sing and dance and shout.
If they won't praise, the rocks cry out.
(refrain)
4. King Jesus done just what He said;
He healed the sick and raised the dead.
(refrain)
5. The light of God shines in His face:
He offers all His pardoning grace.
(refrain)
6. Come join the throng, your voices raise;
The King of Love deserves your praise.
(refrain)

vs. 1-3, 6 Hilda Carper
vs. 4&5 Spiritual

