

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

May 9, 2021

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

“Canon in D” ~ *Johann Pachelbel*
“Prelude in Classical Style” ~ *Gordon Young*

Gathering & Praising

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise	“Blessed Savior”	#107/Screen
	“As the deer”	Screen
	“In Christ alone”	Screen

Hearing the Word

Scripture Judges 4:1-15

Sermon	Women of the Bible Series: Deborah	<i>Pastor Michael</i>
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Responding to the Word

Song of Response	“No longer slaves to fear”	Screen
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Community Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song	“Be thou my vision”	#545/Screen
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Benediction

Postlude	“God Be with You” ~ <i>William G. Tomer</i>
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This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Sue Conrad Howes
Greeters:	Tim & Karen Butenuth
Music Director:	Lynne Rush
Videographer:	Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians:	Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians:	Glenn High, Mark Kemmerer, Tim Scheetz

Nursery Service is not being offered at this time.

Sunday School Classes for Fall Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet via Zoom at 9 am. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

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Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
May 9, 2021
Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- May 11, 8 am Knotting & Quilting
- May 15, 6 pm Youth Auction
- May 23, 11 am Virtual All-Conference Pentecost Service

~ REMINDERS ~

Please wear a face covering over mouth and nose while in the church building.

Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed throughout the church. Please use them before entering the elevator and the sanctuary.

Please maintain appropriate distance from others while moving through the church building.

Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrance and the second floor elevator.



Weekly Prayer Focus:
See the urgent request from Mennonite Mission Network for prayers for Colombia inside.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

Get back to knotting: Knotting has resumed meeting on Tuesday mornings. Masks are required and for now, the knotters will forego their usual snack time.

My Coins Count: We're extending coin collections for a couple more weeks. If you are unable to attend services but have coins to contribute, contact the church office. We can arrange a "drive-by coin drop!" This year's collection benefits MCC's water projects around the world.

Youth Auction, May 15: The Discipling Commission is hosting a Youth Auction on Saturday, May 15. This year's auction will be held outdoors and will start at 6 pm. Light refreshments will be available. Donations of handmade items, baked goods, delivered meals and gently used items are welcome. Be creative! New this year, we will be including raffles. In case of inclement weather, a silent auction will be held inside the church that same weekend. Donations can be brought to the church or we can even pick up donations, if you prefer. Any questions, talk to Katie Mood, Lynne Rush or Lori Farrell.

All-Conference Pentecost Service: Mosaic Mennonite Conference will once again host a virtual conference-wide service on May 23 to celebrate Pentecost. You can choose to participate in the service from home, or view it together in the sanctuary.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for the health crisis in India due to COVID-19 and the work of **Peace Proclamation Ministries International (PPMI)**. PPMI is a Conference Related Ministry, offering support to pastors and communities in southern India through food and other support. Please join others in the conference as we pray for this ministry and for an end to the health crisis in India.

Looking for a spring farm-related activity? Stop by and pick up a **farmer's lunch** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center** from 11 am-12 noon on Saturday, May 8. Enjoy their Springtime on the Farm fundraiser, with a virtual program hosted by collections manager Joel Alderfer that can be watched at your convenience. Sign up at mhep.org.

Come out to **Summerfest**, the annual spring fundraiser at **Camp Men-O-Lan**, on Saturday, May 22 from 9 am-2 pm. Bid on auction items, eat

great food, visit the camp open house and enjoy fun activities. Activities include hay rides, inflatables, animal shows and the Balloon Guy. Both an online and a live auction will be held. (If you have something to donate to the Men-O-Lan auction, please get it to them by May 1.)

Urgent prayer request from MMN: Bekah York requests prayer for Colombia, experiencing the most deadly third-wave of the virus, with cases of COVID-19 and resulting deaths surpassing all-time highs last week. In addition, beginning Apr. 28, Colombians took to the streets to protest a proposed tax reform, which the government issued in response to the national budget deficit. The tax reform would have most adversely affected low- and middle-class people. As a result, a severe uptick in political unrest and police brutality have occurred. While the government withdrew part of the tax reform, the protests soon included frustration over the 2016 final peace accords not being implemented, the absent government in the face of a global pandemic, and the horrific violence enacted upon protesters.

"It has been a very bleak week, with everything compounding," Bekah wrote on May 4. "Many non-governmental organizations, and even the United Nations and the European Union are denouncing the human rights violations. IndePaz [a peace-building institute] is doing an amazing job documenting and confirming the deaths and the casualties."

Please pray for:

1. God's love to comfort and give strength to all who are suffering because of disease, loss of loved ones and injustice.
2. God's justice to roll down as a mighty stream.
3. Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia (IMCOL) as they seek ways to express their call for nonviolent action and support people who are suffering.
4. For Bekah as she follows the lead of the church and discerns how to give voice to her convictions to raise awareness of these abuses and the resulting trauma so that Colombians are surrounded by global prayer support. She is concerned about the direct violence by the state being deployed against civil society and the various human rights abuses that are being carefully documented but not ceasing. She wants people outside of Colombia to be aware and know what is happening.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-1.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30.