

Welcome to

## ***Rochester Mennonite Church***

**April 23, 2017**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**9:10 AM**

Gordon Harms, Worship Leader

Lois Kennel, Song Leader

Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

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### **GATHERING AND PRAISING**

**Words of Welcome**

**Hymn**

*Jesus, stand among us*

#25 (HWB)

**Call to Worship/Praising/Adoring**

(bulletin cover)

**Invocation**

**Scripture Memorization**

*Matthew 5:8-12*

(bulletin insert)

**Hymn**

#110 (STS)

*Allelujah! Gracious Jesus*

**Hymn**

#121 (STS)

*Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

### **SHARING AND PRAYING**

**Joys, Concerns and Announcements**

**Prayer Hymn**

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

#353 (HWB)

**Offering our Silent Prayers**

**The Prayers of the People**

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Hymn**

*Jesus loves me*

#341 (HWB)

**Children's Story**

Kim Leichty

**Scripture Reading**

John 20:19-31

**Sermon**

*My Lord and my God*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn**

#257 (HWB)

*Were you there*

**Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God**

**The Offering Hymn**

#389 (HWB)

*Take my life*

*(vs. 1-2)*

**The Offering Prayer**

**Hymn**

#321 (HWB)

*Lift high the cross*

### **BLESSING AND SENDING**

**Benediction**

**Doxology**

#119 (HWB)

*Praise God from whom*

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*The Rochester Mennonite Church is a congregation that welcomes people to join our community of faith so that they may grow in their personal understanding and relationship with God. Members and guests are appreciatively welcomed to this service of worship.*

## **Announcements**

**If you have announcements** to be included in the bulletin, please get them to Galen, preferably with the exact wording you wish to use, not later than Thursday morning. Also please indicate how long you wish to have the announcements included in the bulletin.

**The sign-up** sheet for being a worship leader, song leader, and doing the children's story for the next several months is available. Please sign up as you feel led.

### **Responsibilities for Next Sunday (April 30):**

- Set-up –
- Worship Leader – Gordon Harms
- Song Leader –
- Children's Story –
- Adult Sunday School –

**The Church Council** will meet on April 28 at 10 a.m.

**Keep the evening of May 2** open on your calendars for Bryan Moyer Suderman.

**Registration is now open for Central Plains Annual Meeting** in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 15-18. Register by April 30 for just \$140. The fee goes up by \$20 on May 1 and another \$20 on June 1. Find online registration and payment at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

**AMBS course: Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations: June 12-30.** With an eye on challenges facing the Muslim community today, this three-credit-hour Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary course examines foundational Islamic narratives and texts and how Muslims have interpreted these in law, doctrine and spirituality through the centuries. Instructor: **Jacqueline Hoover**, a teaching affiliate in Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Relations at the University of Nottingham (U.K.) and a minister in the Mennonite Church. This course can be taken for credit or audit.

**Service Opportunity** – The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana is looking for a volunteer, experienced plumber. This would be to install the rough out plumbing in their new building. Approximately 2 weeks of work, during the month of May. Lodging and meals provided. For further info contact Willis Busenitz.

**Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando?** The convention planning office has arranged discounts at Orlando-area attractions.

**Leaders of Anabaptist churches in Congo** have asked that we pray for an end to the atrocities that have driven at least 5000 people into hiding in the forest to escape violence. Pray that the church can be a prophetic voice of justice and a calming presence of Christ's peace in the midst of a devolving situation. One Mennonite denomination has brought at least six ethnic groups together into one church body.

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## ***Rochester Mennonite Church***

(The Rochester Mennonite Church meets in the chapel of Christ United Methodist Church, located at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The chapel is located in the northeast corner of the building.)

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