

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

April 22, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

9:10 AM

Kurt Kennel, Worship Leader

David Brunner, Song Leader

Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Scripture Memorization

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Matthew 6:1-4

Hymn

#36 (HWB)

God of our strength

Gathering

Invocation

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Hymn

#13 (STJ)

My soul is filled with joy

Hymn

#108 (STJ)

Give thanks for life

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn

#353 (HWB)

Lord, listen to your children

A Time of Silence

The Prayers of the People

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

II Chronicles 1:1-13, 7:12-22

Children's Hymn

#544 (HWB)

Jesus loves me

Children's Story

Kim Leichty

Sermon

Chronicles and Conquest

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

#323 (HWB)

Beyond a dying sun

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

(Monthly Giving – Mennonite Church USA)

The Offering Hymn

#384 (HWB)

We give thee but thine own

(vs. 1-2)

The Offering Prayer

Hymn

#561 (HWB)

Give to the winds thy fears

BLESSING AND SENDING

Benediction

Doxology

#119 (HWB)

Praise God from whom

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 29):

- Set-up – Daniel Leichty
- Worship Leader –
- Song Leader –
- Children's Story –
- Adult Sunday School –

CHOOSE JOY! is the theme for Youth Escape 2018. Life can be hard. Recent studies report an epidemic of anxiety and depression among American young people. This weekend retreat for Central Plains youth in grades 7-12 will focus on the good news that can free us: Living life with God is a good life, and every day we get to choose this goodness again! Registration is now open for the July 20-22 event at Hidden Acres near Dayton, Iowa. Details are available at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Save the date! Sept. 27–29, 2018: Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* among human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D., and Karenna Gore.

Pentecost Sunday – May 20.

Hope for the Future 2018 participants have released [an open letter to Mennonite Church USA](#). "We realize the challenges that lie ahead," the letter reads. "And so in the spirit of love, we offer these words of challenge and hope for the future." [Read the letter](#).

Today we celebrate Earth Day. Pray that adults will engage children in developing habits to care for God's good earth. The current campaign to end plastic pollution includes rejecting, reducing, reusing and recycling plastic materials.

Anniversary Sunday – May 13.

(We are planning for a potluck as a part of this celebration.)

We give thanks and gratitude for all the prayers and monetary support given to Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We are coming down to the final days of our fiscal year and still have a hill to climb to end our 8th consecutive year in the Black. We are hopeful, but need your help. We need a total of \$29,000, by, Monday, April 30th. We would be thankful for any size of support and can be sent directly to Central Plains Mennonite Conference, PO BOX 101, Freeman, SD 57029 or visit the website at centralplainsmc.org/donate for more information. Thank you! – Stewardship Task Group

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

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