

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

May 20, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

9:10 AM

Kurt Kennel, Worship Leader

Lois Kennel, Song Leader

Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Scripture Memorization

(bulletin insert)

Matthew 6:5-6

Gathering Music

Hymn

Naomi Kennel

#62 (STJ)

Christ's is the world

Praising

(bulletin cover/unison)

Confession/Reconciling

(bulletin cover)

Hymn

#54 (STJ)

Longing for light

Hymn

#96 (STJ)

I'm pressing on the upward way

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn

#353 (HWB)

Lord, listen to your children

The Prayers of the People

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-10

Sermon

The Valley of Dry Bones

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

#397 (HWB)

God loves all his many people

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

(Monthly Giving – Central Plains Conference)

The Offering Hymn

#384 (HWB)

We give thee but thine own

(vs. 1-2)

The Offering Prayer

Hymn

#77 (STJ)

The peace of the earth be with you

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 (May 27):

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

Beginning on Sunday, June 10, our worship service will begin at 10 a.m. We will have Sunday School on June 3, but not on June 10. For the duration of the summer we will meet at 10 a.m.

CHOOSE JOY! And save money with early-bird registration until May 15 – T-shirt included! Youth Escape 2018, the much-loved biennial retreat for youth in grades 7-12, will be held July 20-22 at Hidden Acres Christian Center near Dayton, Iowa. Round up your youth group and their friends for this fantastic weekend focused on connecting with Jesus, other Central Plains youth and the church. Details are available on the Youth Escape page at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Jim Rohrer has requested that his membership be removed from our membership list. We wish him the best as he moves forward.

Last Sunday Kim and Chris Becker were ordained at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, where they co-pastor. Pray that Kim and Chris and the congregation will thrive in ministry together.

Congregations and individuals are invited to engage in a churchwide day of prayer for North and South Korea on Sunday, May 20, 2018, using MCC's "A prayer for peace in North Korea." Learn more about this "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative at <http://mennoniteusa.org/korea/>.

Today is a new day: the choice is yours. CHOOSE JOY! Youth and sponsors, take a weekend to explore how God designed us to be filled with gratitude, contentment and love. Youth Escape 2018 is July 20-22 at Hidden Acres Christian Center near Dayton, Iowa. The retreat runs Friday evening to Sunday lunch, and brings together Central Plains youth in grades 7-12 for active worship, breakout discussions and a lot of fun! Details are available on the Youth Escape 2018 page at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Pray for the Lao Christian Fellowship in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and Pastor Pratoomporn (Noi) Harder as they apply to become a member congregation of Central Plains.

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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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