



November 22, 2015

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship

*Hymn *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!* HWB 65

Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have not lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray:

Break our rebellious will.

Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

Expose our insincere thoughts.

Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

Release us from the fear of death.

Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

- Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion

Lighting the Peace Candle Maria Elena Otero Ruiz

God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Sophia Austin
Psalm 132:11-18
Revelation 1:4b-8 Theophilus Odhiambo

*Hymn *The Lord is king* HWB 69

Children's time Sueann VonGunten

Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' name* HWB 106

Scripture John 18:33-37

Message **Voting with our lives** Charles Geiser

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn *Thou, O Christ, my Lord and King* SS 35

Testimony Pratik Bagh

Responding in testimony and sharing

What spoke to you in this service? What joys and concerns would you share? (Brief comments appreciated)

Prayer

Offering

(Please sign the attendance registers at the end of the row)

SENDING

*Hymn *My soul cries out* SS 124

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able



Welcome to Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

For guests and attenders

- There is an opportunity for introductions of guests early in the worship service.
- Please sign the attendance registry during the offering time.
- Large print hymnals and bulletins and hearing devices are available.
- Ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship time and Christian education

- Coffee and goodies are available from the kitchen window following the worship service.
- Christian education classes for all ages begin at 11:00 am
- Children meet in the educational wing of the church.

Caring for the children

- During the worship service, experienced staff provide care for children ages four years and younger in the lower level of the educational wing.
- During the children's time in the service, children are encouraged to come to the front of the sanctuary.
- Snacks are provided for children in the educational wing between the worship service and Christian education.

Our Mission: To know and make known God's love as we joyfully follow Jesus into the world.

Our Vision: We walk with our neighbors to create an inclusive community that reflects the diversity of God's creation. In this vibrant community, we demonstrate God's hospitality, healing and hope to one another and to the world, as we live in the grace and discipleship of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader Andrew Austin
Pianist Crystal Underwood
Song leader Chris Habegger
Ushers Gabe Pennington, Christa Pennington
JoAnn Gundy, Carol Selman
Childcare Louise Claassen, Josué Vielman

Hosts Greg and Beth Suderman

Next Sunday Charles Geiser, speaker
Mary Klassen, worship leader
First Sunday of Advent

Attendance on Nov 8 78, including 3 guests

Calendar for the week

Thurs, Nov 26 - 10:30 am Thanksgiving service and meal
Thurs, Nov 26 - 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva service
Sat, Nov 28 - 1 pm Decorating for Advent

Birthdays this week

Leroy Saner (27)
Richard Miller (28)

Upcoming calendar items

Indian meal, Dec 2, 6 pm
Advent prayers, Dec 2, 9, 16 and 23, 7:15 am

Christian Education

Children are invited to have a snack in the educational wing before joining their classes.

Adults will continue the study of *Life with God: Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation*, by Richard Foster, focusing on chapter 5. Andrew Austin will lead the discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Maria Elena Ruiz Otero, wife of Pastor Manuel Caicedo Galindo of our sister church. She has been staying with a cousin in Miami, Fla., where she has been earning money to send to her family in Sahagún. We are glad she is able to visit Hively before she returns to Sahagún.

Thanksgiving Day service and meal: Join in the worship and meal on Thursday, Nov 26, beginning at 10:30 am. Come early for pre-service singing of favorite Thanksgiving hymns. Please sign up on the bulletin board for what you will bring to the meal.

Everyone is invited to an evening of delicious Indian cuisine on Dec 2. The food will be prepared by Doris Devadoss and Pratik and Shabnam Bagh with help from Hively women. Please sign up on the bulletin board with the number coming.

The Youth Honors Orchestra, in which **Lara Claassen** and **Josué Vielman** participate, will present a concert on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 pm in Sauder Concert Hall at the college. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets or 574-535-7566.

Decorating the church for Advent: Join the fun on Saturday, Nov 28, at 1 pm, as we decorate the church for Advent. A small group is leading the effort and would appreciate additional volunteers. Please talk with Mary or Tyler Klassen if you have questions.

“Learning to Love Boko Haram: A Nigerian Peace Church Responds” — On Tuesday, Dec 15 at 7 pm, the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism and College Mennonite Church will host a public lecture by Peggy Faw Gish at College Mennonite Church. She will share stories based on her work among the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, who have suffered great violence and upheaval at the hands of Boko Haram, and their search for nonviolent responses in a context of intense persecution.

Goshen College Advent meditations: Beginning Monday, Nov. 23, Goshen College students, faculty and staff provide weekday reflections based on the Advent lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. These are available online at www.goshen.edu/devotions. Many writers will reflect on the theme, "Freedom Bound," which Hively will use as our theme for Advent.

Directory update: Neal Blough's email address is nrblough@wanadoo.fr

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Colleen and Pablo Fast of Mennonite Mission Network are rejoicing because of church growth in Brazil. Pray for continued commitment of six members of a small group who all made a decision to follow Christ this summer.

John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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