

# *First Sunday of Lent*

*Lenten Theme: Dwelling in Dissonance*

*As we step into Lent,  
we say “welcome” to the dissonance.  
We reserve a space for lament and grief,  
to stay a while and do their work.  
We release our nice little pictures  
of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world,  
and look for God in the heartache.  
We listen for God in discordant melodies.  
And follow Jesus to the cross,  
though we don’t understand  
and it doesn’t compute.  
As we step into Lent,  
we say, “welcome” to the dissonance.  
Trusting that God is here.  
Now. In the mystery.  
Before it is resolved.*





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## First Sunday of Lent

### Welcome to Worship!

As we begin Lent, may the noises of life decrease so the volume of Jesus' voice can increase! May you hear God's call to follow faithfully— even with the dissonance of love and grief and/or glory and belief.

Gathering Music	<i>Delight in the Lord...Sewell</i> <i>Lenten Song...Eliot</i> <i>He Leadeth Me...arr. Paxton</i> <i>Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance"...arr. Lau</i>	Cindy Penner
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Jim Yoder Ari Rogers
Lighting of Christ Candle and Peace Lamp		Ava Ladd
Worship in Song	<i>Your Grace is Enough (VT 167)</i> <i>Lord, I need You (VT 155)</i> <i>God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song (VT 539)</i>	Music Team*
Offertory	<i>Give Me Jesus...arr. Kidwell</i>	
<b>Children bring offerings up to the globe**</b>	<b>Please pass the attendance books</b>	
Children's Time		Bonnie Brewer
Greeting and Announcement Time		
Scripture	<i>John 11:17, 20-27 (NRSVUE)</i>	
Message	<b>Dwelling in Dissonance—love and grief</b>	Jess Engle
Song of Response	<i>Beautiful Things (VT 551)</i>	
Prayer of the Church		Barbara Jantz
Benediction		
Postlude		Corbin Rogers

\*Music Team: Kristie Diller, Bonnie Brewer, Chuck McClary (guitar), Dave Harder (bass), Mark Diller (drums), Meghann Rogers (piano)

\*\*Children's Fund This Quarter: Local Habitat for Humanity

But we will give ourselves continually to  
**Prayer**  
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

**God of love and grief, glory and belief, You live and move among us as we live each day. Holy Spirit, as your mystery surrounds us, we name our requests and praises:**

- Praise for the Ministries Fair that took place last Sunday, and the many opportunities to serve and use the gifts God has given each person.
  - Praise for the safe and encouraging weekend for the MYF members and sponsors at RMMC Snow camp last weekend.
  - Praise for Eli Miller and all he is learning and experiencing during his spring semester in Indonesia.
  - Praise for the Peace Pilgrimage opportunity Kristin Larson-Jantzi is participating in April 6-18, and we pray for her support, arrangements, and preparation for the experience.
  - Praise for students of all ages who continue to grow and learn, and the faculty who teach them, and the staff who give support in many ways.
  - Pray for those experiencing challenges physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, financially. God who provides, please meet and exceed each need through Your mercy and grace.
  - Pray for each of us during this Lenten season – that we would be mindful of Jesus’ journey, and persistent in prayer for our personal journeys, our church and community, and our world.
  - Pray for all who make decisions that affect others. We pray for Your guidance, O God, that our *love would be genuine*, we would *hate what is evil*, and *hold fast to what is good*. (*italics-Romans 12:9*)
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**IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: February 15: 149**

**VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: February 15: Villa Residents + 4 guest book signatures**

**OFFERING: February 15:** (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$23,021.89	Children’s Globe	\$91.73
Summer Food Program	\$750.00	Church Directory	\$100.00
MYF	\$150.00	Caring Ministry Team	\$50.00
Genesis	\$50.00		

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text HMC GIVE to 73256, on your REALM app, during the offertory time in the service, or you can mail your check to 309 S. Main, Hesston, KS 6



# **GROOVIN'**

## **on a Sunday Afternoon**

### **(for KMRS)**

**Annual lunch and silent auction**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Verenika and More...**



Dig out your bell bottoms and tie-dyed gear and join us for a time of food, fun and fellowship with all donations benefitting the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale/Mennonite Central Committee. Silent auction and raffle items needed. Contact Kristie Diller to donate or drop at HMC office by 2/25.

**Let's all "COME TOGETHER, RIGHT NOW", to support this important work; SEE YOU THEN!**

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