



Surprising Good News



HESSTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship!

May you know (or be surprised by) God's love, grace, and mercy poured over you - unlimited, unconditional, unending. You are welcome and you belong here!

Gathering Music *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather...arr. Burkhardt* Ken Rodgers
 All Is Well...arr. Hunnicutt
 Gather Us In...arr. Behnke

Welcome and Prayer Kristin Larson – Jantzi

Come, Join in Mary's Prophet Song...arr Rodgers

Lighting of Christ Candle and Peace Lamp Jack Kaufman

Worship in Song *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (VT* #103)* Music Team**
 Could It Be That God Is Singing (VT #42)
 Come, Join in Mary's Prophet Song (VT #246)

Greeting and Announcement Time

Offertory *Will Follow...arr. Koerts*
Bring offerings up to the globe*** Please pass the attendance books

Children's Time James and Jamie Krehbiel

Prayer of the Church Marla Schmidt

Scripture *I Samuel 1:13-18; Luke 1:26-35 (NRSVUE)*

Sermon **Surprising Good News** Kay Schroeder

Song of Response *He Came Down (VT #239)*

Benediction

Postlude *Processional of Joy...arr Hopson*

*VT: Voices Together hymnal

**Music Team: Kristie Diller, Emily Miller, Allen Wedel, Ken Rodgers

***Children's Fund Beneficiary This Quarter: MCC School Kits

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

Creator, Christ, Holy Spirit, continue to surprise us with your unlimited grace and joy as we journey with You and with each other.

Renewing God, surround Pastor Jess with rest and refreshment as he prepares to return to Hesston Mennonite on August 1.

Healing God, please be near Janet Zook as she recovers from hip surgery and Christine Schweitzer as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. We pray for Isabelle Blough, Frank Gaeddert, Amy Sharp, Cindi Roth, and Lou Ann Eichelberger as each one journeys with on-going health challenges and is accompanied by family and friends who love and care for them.

Jesus who calls us towards him, reach towards those who met you in special ways at camp this summer; Kat Schmidt, Eli Miller, and Kyle Diller as staff at camps; and our newly baptized members – Caroline Yoder and Rianna Schweitzer.

Grant wisdom and discernment, Holy Spirit, to those attending Western District Conference August 7-9.

God of our world, give protection, endurance, and strength to the Sensenig family in their transition from France to Beirut, Lebanon. We also pray for your justice, your shalom to interrupt war, poverty, homelessness, the groans of creation, and suffering in many ways. Have mercy on us.

Loving God, You created us as your Church to be Your Body on earth. We are Your accomplishment, and You created us in Jesus to do good works -- that these good works would be the way we live our lives. We thank You for the way You are working at Hesston Mennonite, and pray, Spirit, that we would be responsive to how You are moving as the Governance Board Chair vacancy approaches. May You be Honored in each of us as we pray and respond to Your work in us. Please call a person to fill this spot who will be a healthy leader to us in the coming years. (From Gifts Engagement Ministry Team)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: July 26: 137

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: July 26: Villa Residents + 18 guest book signatures

OFFERING: July 19: (and funds received during the previous week)

Budget	\$9,606.68	Children's Globe	\$42.70
Vessels SS Class	\$20.00	Hospitality	\$155.00
Sensenig Support	\$50.00	MCC Meat Canning	\$200.00
Genesis SS Class	\$25.00		

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text HMCgive 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 67062



August 1: Pastor Jess Returns from Sabbatical
August 9: Brunch hosted by Dorcas Circle



Celebrating Ken



As Ken Rodgers prepares to move to Indiana to study at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, you are invited to provide a written expression of appreciation or a memory that can be shared with Ken as we say farewell on the first Sunday of August. Please give your notes to the church office by Thursday, July 30 so they can be compiled and given to him during the August 2 worship service. On August 2 during the 10:00 am fellowship time, come enjoy cinnamon rolls or gluten free coffee cake as we say "thank you" to Ken, and "welcome back" to Pastor Jess.



Governance Board

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⌚ On sabbatical

through July 31

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