



WDC Annual Assembly Worship

August 4, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Call to Worship: VT 866

Katie Jantzen & Absalon Calix

Leader: Open our ears [Spanish]: (Abre nuestros oídos)

People: to hear your word. (para escuchar tu palabra.)

Leader: Open our eyes (abre nuestros ojos)

People: to see your presence. (para ver tu presencia.)

Leader: Open our arms (abre nuestros brazos)

People: to the embrace of community. (al abrazo de la comunidad.)

Leader: Open our minds (abre nuestras mentes)

People: to the beauty of truth. (a la belleza de la verdad.)

Leader: Open our hearts (Abre nuestros corazones)

People: to the joy of new life. (a la alegría de la nueva vida.)

Prayer: VT 857

Katie Jantzen

Hymn: “We Are One in the Spirit”

VT 387

Litany: Confession of Faith

VT 927

Please join in reciting this **Confession of Faith** in your heart language.

Creemos en Dios Padre
todopoderoso,
creador de los cielos y
de la tierra;
creador de los pueblos
y las culturas;
creador de los idiomas
y de las razas.

We believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of the heavens
and the earth,
Creator of all peoples and
all cultures,
Creator of all tongues
and races.



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Creemos en Jesucristo,
su Hijo, nuestro Señor,
Dios hecho carne en un ser
humano para todos los
humanos;
Dios hecho carne en un
momento para todas las
edades;

Dios hecho carne en una
cultura para todas las
culturas;
Dios hecho carne en amor y
gracia para toda la
creación.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,
por quien el Dios, encarnado
en Jesucristo
se hace presente en nuestro
pueblo y nuestra cultura;
por quien el Dios creador de
todo cuanto existe

nos da poder para ser nuevas
criaturas;
quien con sus infinitos dones,
nos hace un solo pueblo:
el cuerpo de Jesucristo.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
his Son, our Lord,
God made flesh in a person for
all humanity.
God made flesh in an age for
all the ages.

God made flesh in one culture
for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and
Grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
through whom God, incarnate
in Jesus Christ
makes his presence known in
our peoples and our cultures;
through whom God,
Creator of all that exists,

gives us power to become
new creatures;
whose infinite gifts
make us one people:
the Body of Christ.

Creemos en la Iglesia, que es
Universal porque es señal del
reino venidero;
que es más fiel mientras más
se viste de colores;
donde todos los colores pintan
un mismo paisaje;
donde todos los idiomas cantan
una misma alabanza.

Creemos en el reino venidero,
el día de la gran fiesta,
cuando todos los colores de la
creación
se unirán en un arcoíris de armonía;
cuando todos los pueblos de la tierra
se unirán en un banquete de
alegría;
cuando todas la lenguas del universo
se unirán en un coro de alabanza.

Y porque creemos,
nos comprometemos
a creer por los que no creen,
a amar por los que no aman,
a soñar por los que no sueñan,
hasta que lo que esperamos
se torne realidad.

We believe in the church
universal because it is a sign of
God's reign,
whose faithfulness is shown
in its many hues
where all the colors
paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing
the same praise.

We believe in the Reign of God
—the day of the Great Fiesta
when all the colors of creation
will form a harmonious
rainbow,
when all peoples
will join in joyful banquet,
when all tongues of the universe
will sing the same song.

And because we believe,
we commit ourselves:
to believe
for those who do not believe,
to love
for those who do not love,
to dream
for those who do not dream,
until the day
when hope becomes reality.

Special Music: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

--Instrumental Quartet

Scripture: Romans 12.1-21

Katie Jantzen

Introduction of Michelle E. Armster

Michelle E. Armster is a minister of the gospel in many contexts. She is currently the Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee, Central States. Previously, she worked for MCC in the US Peace and Justice program in urban peacemaking. She received her MDiv from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. She also practices as a teacher, trainer, and practitioner in conflict transformation, mediation, AntiRacism/Anti-Oppression, and restorative justice.

Message

Michelle Armster

Hymn: “Together”

VT 389

Special Music: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Instrumental Quartet

Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Josh Janzen, FMC Beatrice

Special Music: “Be Thou My Vision”

Instrumental Quartet

Announcements

Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Benediction

Pastor Josh Janzen

Sending Hymn: “Come What May”

VT 768

-- Kay Schroeder and Chris Becker

Offering is received in the narthex by the center door or text to give.

Thank you to all who enhanced our worship service.

Speaker: Michelle Armster, Executive Director MCC, Central States

Worship Leaders: Katie Jantzen & Absalon Calix

Prelude: Karen Wiebe and Michelle Shima

“Holy, Holy, Holy” by David Hegarty, original hymn by John B.

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“Thanks Be to God (Arioso)” by George Fredrick Handel, arr by

Martha Powell Setchell, ©MCMLXV (1965) R.D.Row Music Co. Inc.

“The Heavens are Telling” by Franz Josef Haydn, arranged by

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FMC Instrumental Quartet: Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Katie Jantzen,

Stephanie Janzen, Symantha Janzen

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Melody: Nettleton. Music: J.

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“Be Thou My Vision” Melody: Slane. Music: Irish traditional melody

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Song Leaders: Kay Schroeder and Chris Becker

Pastoral Prayer: Josh Janzen

Postlude: Karen Wiebe and Michelle Shima

“St. Anthony Chorale” by Johannes Brahms;

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

August 4, 2024

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

Summer Intergenerational Sunday School continues on August 4 & 11.

Betty Esau, age 91, passed away on Thursday, July 31 at Good Samaritan Home in Beatrice. Betty suffered a stroke three weeks ago. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced when available via email and at GHChapel.com. Your prayers are invited for her family.

Peace Club will meet with prayer partners on Sunday, August 18 following church in the basement. Lunch will be provided. Then our prayer partners & youth will be transported to Charles Park where the children & their adult mentors will pick up trash in that area. The money earned will be used to buy school supplies for MCC kits. We will join the school kit challenge of trying to help 24,000 kids. Parents, please pick your child up at Charles Park at 2 pm. Let Barb, Jane, Kathy or Sue know if you cannot come.

Backpack Blessings- All children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks on Sunday, **August 11th**. There will be a special time in the service for a blessing as they begin the new school year!

“Check out” the **new Library books** that have been donated:

- *“Rethinking Life”* by Shane Claiborne
- *“Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith?”* by James Krabill
- *“Bountiful Hearts – Women’s Bible Study”*, Herald Press
- *“Take Our Moments and Our Days”* Prayer Book, Herald Press
- *“Lead Me Holy Spirit”* by Stormie Omartian
- *“Is This All There Is to Life?”* by Ray Stedman

Beginning August 11th we will collect school supplies for MCC school kits. **The kits** will be put together during a community gathering on Wednesday, September 10th. There will be a collection box in the narthex for donated supplies (unused):

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- Colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large eraser
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- Small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

From the Foster Care Closet:

Dear First Mennonite Church,

On behalf of the Beatrice Foster Care Closet, I want to thank you so very much for your generosity! I was so surprised to see the many boxes of brand new clothing and then the unexpected financial gift. What a blessing! This will go a long way in serving the kids in our community and helping to restore dignity to families in crisis. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus! Sincerely, Amanda Hays & The Beatrice FCC

Offerings given today for Western District Conference will be used to meet Assembly expenses, with the remainder going toward Church Planting Initiatives. Please make checks out to Western District Conference. (Usual Sunday offerings for FMC, made out to FMC, may also be put in the plate by the door.)

Church Picnic is Sunday, September 15 at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. More info to come.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed: August 4, 7:30 – 1 pm at Vet’s Club, 702 Dorsey to benefit Children’s Bike Safety Rodeo sponsored by Beatrice Library.

Ice Cream Social! Ellis and Odell United Methodist Churches, Sunday, August 18, 4-6 pm at Ellis United Methodist Church. Serving BBQ Sandwiches, Chips, Ice Cream with toppings, Desserts. Free Will Donation **to benefit Stephanie Patterson for medical expenses.** (Sponsored in part by Thrivent.)

150 Years Celebration of Mennonites Coming to U.S. -Find a calendar of events on the bulletin board. More information is at swissmennonite.org.

Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! Did you know you can recycle soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton? Follow the signs at MCC for Donations & Recycling to bins outside the warehouse. Questions? duaneunruh@mcc.org.

MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23: MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. On the tour you’ll meet with immigration enforcement officials and visit migrant shelters. You’ll see the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. Find out more and register by Aug 9 at <https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas> Questions, contact abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.

URGENT OPENING for a two-year term **MCC mobile canner operator.** Gain new skills while traveling across the country! To learn more, visit mcc.org/careers or contact Joe Miller at joemiller@mcc.org.