

# Peace Mennonite Church



**February 22, 2026**

## Welcome statement

We welcome into the full life of Peace Mennonite Church all who seek to follow Jesus' way of peacemaking and compassion. We rejoice in the diverse characteristics each person brings to our community, and we embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic status, marital status, and age.

## Mission statement

Peace Mennonite Church is a Christ-centered community that seeks to create peace, work for justice, care for creation, serve others, and nurture thoughtful faith.

## **First Sunday of Lent**

### Order of Worship

#### **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and call to worship: VT 861 (read together)

Gathering hymn: VT 44 We Long to Know Her

#### **Sharing**

Announcements

Sharing joys and concerns

Congregational prayer

#### **Listening**

Hymn: VT 556 I Bind My Heart This Tide

Scripture readings: [Psalm 104:27–30](#), [John 11:1–16](#)

Reflections on Lent and future Peace: Roger Gibson, Sharon McCulley, Kent Eaton

*Silent reflection*

## Communion

**Hymn:** VT 802 Draw the Circle

**Introduction to communion and invitation** (Informed by “The Lord’s Supper: A ritual of harm or healing?” published in Leader magazine, summer 2016; see link in this bulletin)

**Sharing the bread and cup:** Participants may come forward to form groups of six to eight people, one group at a time. Within each group, we will pass the bread to our right around the circle, serving it to the next person with the words, “The bread of life.” We then will pass the fruit of the vine with the words, “The cup of blessing.” Before returning to their seats, those in each group will hold a moment of silence, which the leader will close with the words “Go in peace.”

**Prayer closing communion:** VT 948

## Responding

Sharing thoughts and reflections

Offertory prayer

Sending hymn: VT 827 Move in our midst

**Blessing:** VT 1062

## Worship volunteers:

**Worship leader:** Kirsten Bosnak **Prelude:** Joni Fornelli & Whitney Baker; **Accompanist:** Whitney Baker; **Song leader:** Sara Bonner; **Scripture reader:** Jude McCulley; **Message:** Roger Gibson, Sharon McCulley, Kent Eaton; **Preparation of communion meal:** Rose Claassen; **Opener/closer:** Jeri Butkus; **Greeter:** Roberta Renz; **Zoom/ tech:** Sharon

**Link to** [“The Lord’s Supper: A ritual of harm or healing?”](#)

*We are glad you have come to Peace Mennonite Church for worship this morning! You are invited to stay for drinks and snacks immediately after the service. It is a special time for socializing and getting to know one another!*

**We are grateful for gifts freely given in this community, including financial gifts to continue the work of the church.** There is a box at the back of the sanctuary.

## Upcoming week’s schedule of events

**Please note:** Pastor Roger will be out of town February 22nd--27th so no office hours this week. Jerry will be working mostly from home.

### **Sunday February 22nd**

After Service: **Justice Matters Meeting**

### **Tuesday, February 24th**

1:30 p.m.: Wise Guys (conversation group)

### **Thursday, February 26th**

9:30 a.m.: Wise Women; contact Judy Johnson

2:00 p.m.: [Zoom](#) gathering (informal sharing and prayer time)

### **Friday, February 27th**

6:00 p.m.: Local Taize Service @ Plymouth Congregational church

### **Sunday, March 1st**

9:30 a.m.: Reimagining discussion and gathering on Zoom

10:30 a.m.: Worship—Roger will be back & preaching

*For future events and comprehensive announcements please refer to the weekly email newsletter (subscribe on our website homepage).*

## **Announcements**

**Justice Matters Update:** Justice Matters has decided to go ahead with the **meeting after service today, February 22nd.**

Please join us. Carola and Joe will provide soup and bread. We will share updates on the research committees and discuss upcoming Justice Matters events. This meeting is open to all current team members, and anyone interested in learning more about our work.

We hope you will plan to attend the **Nehemiah Action Assembly on Sunday, April 26th, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the DoubleTree Inn.** This is a vital opportunity to demonstrate our collective power in Lawrence as we address crucial justice issues.

**Anabaptist World Group Subscription & Renewal**—To start a new subscription or continue your current subscription please contact Roberta.

Every year, **Mennonite Central Committee collects coins** as part of the effort to support their work for relief, development and peace around the world. Check your couch cushions, coat pockets, and that loose change container on your dresser, and we'll have a moment for collecting change in worship for the next few weeks. The coins will be delivered to the MCC Sale in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Peace Mennonite (hosts Joni/Becky) and Unitarian Universalist Congregation Lawrence have rescheduled a free screening of the movie **SUGARCANE** to **Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 PM at the UUCL church.** See more info in this week's newsletter.

**Transition notes for our time between pastors:**

- **During the interim pastoral care needs and the pastor's email** will be monitored by Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith. (peacemennopastor@gmail.com)
- **Administrative Assistant**, Jerry Dowdle, will be working mostly Tuesdays and Thursdays (peacemennonite@gmail.com) Please send announcements by 8am Tuesdays.

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