

Peace Mennonite Church



March 15, 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.

Lent 4: Dwelling in Dissonance – Submission and Power

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship:

One: We gather for worship, seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

All: "Your Kingdom come! Your will be done on earth!"

One: We pray. Then we look around... Where is it? What is truth?

One: We gather for worship, Asking questions and staying the course.

We pray again and again,

All: "Your kingdom come!"

One: Looking and longing... Where is it? Where are you?
One: We gather for worship and find that God is here.
All: On earth as in heaven.
One: God's kingdom now and not yet; Here and in the world to come.
All: Let us worship our God.

Gathering hymns:

VT 128 "Many and Great"
VT 297 "You Are Salt for the Earth"

Sharing

Announcements
Joys and concerns
Congregational prayer
VT 675 "Abana in Heaven"

Listening and Responding

Scripture reading: [John 18:28-40](#)
Sermon: "My kingdom is not of this world" - Roger Neufeld Smith
Silent reflection

Responding

Sharing thoughts and reflections
Offertory prayer
Sending hymn: VT 308 "How Can We Worship Caesar's Cross"

Blessing

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!

Worship volunteers:

Worship leader: Susan Rieger; **Prelude:** Sharon McCulley; **Song leader:** Sara Bonner;
Accompanist: Twila Schmidt; **Message:** Roger Neufeld Smith; **Opener/Closer/ Greeter:**
Roger Gibson; **Zoom/ tech:** Roberta Renz

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

After service today: Lawrence Mennonite Action group meeting

Tuesday, March 17th

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Pastor Roger's office hours
1:30 p.m.: Wise Guys (conversation group)

Thursday, March 19th

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Pastor Roger's office hours
9:30 a.m.: Wise Women; contact Judy Johnson
2:00 p.m.: [Zoom](#) gathering (informal sharing and prayer time)

Saturday, March 21st

10:00 a.m. to Noon.: Facilitated "come-and-go" Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, March 22nd

9:30 a.m.: Reimagining discussion with Gracious Space committee

10:00 a.m.: Gathering on [Zoom](#)

10:30 a.m.: Worship

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

Announcements

Gracious Space Survey—The Gracious Space committee is looking for feedback on the Gracious Space format. If you have not completed the online survey in the newsletter, please take a moment and complete the paper version you can find on the back table in the sanctuary today.

Lawrence Mennonite Action group will meet after worship today.

Every year, **Mennonite Central Committee collects coins** as part of the effort to support their work for relief, development and peace around the world. 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.

Please join us! No RSVP needed. Becky Janzen is coordinating this **come-and-go labyrinth walk on Saturday morning, March 21, from 10 AM to Noon** with a labyrinth facilitator from Unity Church. Several other faith groups will also be invited. If there is enough interest, another walk may be held in May.

Easter services— save the dates info:

Peace Mennonite Church will participate with First Baptist Church and Vintage Church in an **Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 4, 7:00 am in the Baker Wetlands**. More details to follow.

Peace Mennonite Church will participate with the other Mennonite churches along I-70 in a **Good Friday evening service over Zoom on Friday, April 2**. Details to follow.

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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