

Peace Mennonite Church



June 7, 2026

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.

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.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Land Covenant

We acknowledge that we worship on the ancestral land of the Kaw Nation. We thank them for their care and respect for this land and acknowledge the injustice of their removal from their homeland. We ask the Spirit to heal our histories and to help us find new paths of right relationships with them and all of creation.

Our Land Covenant is read on the first Sunday of the month.

Prelude

Welcome and call to worship: VT 855 (read together)

Gathering hymns: VT 36 Let Us Build a House
VT 588 We Walk by Faith

Sharing

Announcements

Sharing joys and concerns

Congregational prayer— close with VT 674

Listening

Hymn: VT 392 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Narrative lectionary readings: [Ruth 2:1–23](#), [Luke 6:36–38 Reflection](#)

(topic of church growth) — Sarah Balzer Bryan

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)

Prayer before the meal: VT 947

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 (read together)

Responding

Sharing thoughts and reflections

Offertory prayer: VT 1017 (read together)

Sending hymn: VT 835 Go Now in Peace (round)

Blessing: VT 1059

Worship volunteers:

Worship leader: Kirsten Bosnak

Accompanist: Twila Schmidt

Song leader/Song leader: Anne Bailey

Scripture reader: Barbara Yoder

Message: Sarah Balzer Bryan

Preparation of communion meal: Rose Claassen

Opening communion: Kirsten Bosnak, Rose Claassen

Opening/Closing/Greeters/Snacks: Rob & Rose Claassen

Tech: Roger Gibson

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

Monday, June 8th

6:00 p.m.: Coordinating Committee meeting

Tuesday, June 9th

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

Thursday, June 11th

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

2:00 p.m.: Zoom gathering (informal sharing and prayer)

Sunday, June 14th

NO 10:00 a.m.: Gathering on [Zoom](#)

NO 10:30 a.m.: Service @ PMC

4:00 p.m.: Gracious Space & mortgage burning celebration @PMC

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

Announcements

June 14—Gracious Space, 4:00! Please join us for a time to celebrate PMC! We will be doing an official “mortgage burning” to rejoice in paying off our building loan. What a wonderful thing to celebrate! Look for more details to come! **(Slideshow of photos begins at 3:50 p.m.!)**

Please Note: The previous announcement of a picnic on June 14th Gracious Space has changed. There is enough pulled pork for another meal, so we will forego the hotdogs, brats and hamburgers on the grill. There will be ice cream sundaes for dessert. If you have a favorite topping feel free to bring it! Please bring other food to compliment the pulled pork. Hoping the weather will cooperate so we can eat outside. Bring your lawn chairs. Thank You! Rose C

Going Beyond the Land Covenant - Read this book recommended by Raylene Hinz-Penner in her May 3 talk at PMC: ***Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth***, by Randy Woodley. Short daily meditations, epigraphs, and ideas for reflection and action to help us to become rooted in our relationship with creation and Creator.

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