

Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.

9:30 a.m.
..as they were watching,
he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Gathering

Gathering Music Paul & Ruth Buxman
Scripture Reading
Psalm 118:14-29
Welcome and Invocation Christine Moyer
Gathering Hymns
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty WH 19
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna WH 238

Sharing With Each Other

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Sharing
Morning Prayer Melinda Hasegawa
Praying in Song WH 369
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Listening to God's Word

Time with our Children
Worship Music
Scripture Reading Acts 1:9-11
Meditation Erasmo Quintanilla
The Ascending Legacy of Christ
Hymn of Response
View the Present At Right

Sending

Benediction
Postlude

Welcome We are glad you are here. We want you to know that no matter who you are, or what your experiences in life have been, you are welcome here at our church. We welcome your participation and your questions. If you have particular matters for prayer, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of our pastors or one of the deacons. Their contact information is on the back of this bulletin.

Nursery The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Barbara Ewy; May 5 - Christy Zimmerman; May 12 - Gail Harder.

All Church Meeting On April 7 we had a church meeting about the roof on the church sanctuary. We have since received a proposal that we would like to discuss with the church body. An all church meeting will be held today during the Christian Education Hour at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that there will be NO Sunday School classes today except for the children. The Trustees will present the proposal they have received.

Upcoming Worship Services The morning message during the early service will be provided by the following in the coming weeks:

May 5: Barbara Ewy
May 12: Caley Ortman
May 19: Church Picnic at Riverview
May 26: Sergio Alvarado

Dine Out Please join us for Dine Out this Wednesday. The youth will be hosting and will be serving barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. All the donations will go towards their trip to the MC USA convention in July.

Congratulations to Jerry and Ro Linscheid on the birth of their first grandson, Eli Allen Linscheid, born on March 30 to Michael and Liz.

Our Condolences Freda (Neufeld) Prnjak died at Sierra View Homes on Tuesday, April 9. Freda was a sister to Judy Warkentin. We express our condolences to Freda's daughter and son, Allison and Rod. A memorial service will be held in the Terraces at Sierra View Homes on Saturday, May 4, at 11:30 a.m.

Free Concert All are invited to a free concert by Soli Deo Gloria Women's Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Julie Carter, which will take place at the Palm Village Chapel on Monday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Love Crosses Borders, a Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants, July 28 to August 3. There is a flyer on the bulletin with more information. Registration forms on the table in the organ entryway for those interested in going.

Julia Reimer's Near/Far Theatre will present *The Sins of Sor Juana*, a play by contemporary playwright Karen Zacarias. It will be presented at Willow Avenue Mennonite Church in Fresno, May 3-12. It's the story of 17th century Mexican nun Juana Ines de la Cruz, who was a prodigiously smart and gifted writer. Tickets and more information can be found at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4210101>.

Photos on Display Thank you, Jim Krause, for your spectacular photographs of spring now displayed in the organ entryway.

Prayer Requests If you have a prayer request please send it to the church office. If you would like to pray for people who are in need of prayer, please send your email address to the church office - fmcreedley@gmail.com.

Church Mailing Address Just want to remind you that our church mailing address is P.O. Box 111, Reedley. We no longer have a mailbox by the office entry door, so please do not mail anything to the street address.

Vacation Bible School is not just for children! There are a number of ways adults and youth can help with *Who is My Neighbor?*:

- ❖ Act in the dramas
- ❖ Lead music and worship
- ❖ Coordinate crafts
- ❖ Facilitate games
- ❖ Guide children from one area to another
- ❖ Prepare and serve snacks
- ❖ Serve as prayer partners

VBS is June 17-21. Please See Barbara Ewy if you are able to volunteer.

Church Directory This year's pictorial church directory is in your mailbox.

View the present

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Unison Harmony

1 View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
2 Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
3 Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison Harmony

Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison

Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing
Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing
Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

Harmony

in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

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