

# New Holland Mennonite Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.



**Theme:** God meets Jesus at the water before he is tempted in the wilderness—this is important. First and foremost, God claims us. God meets us in the liminal space, at the water's edge, at the threshold of something new, and names us Beloved. God's covenant with all of creation reminds us that God meets us where we are—in the midst of our reluctance, doubt, eagerness, or weariness—and proclaims we are good.

## Gathering & Praising God

*Again and Again*

*The Many*

*Music by Hannah Rand. Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Commissioned by "A Sanctified Art" for Lent 2021. ©2021 Plural Guild Music.*

Call to Worship

Wanda Gonzalez-Bortzel

Prayer for Illumination

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (WB 592)*

*(Grace Community Church)*

## Hearing God's Voice

Conversation with Children

Elsa Lantz

Artwork: I Delight in You

Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "Again & Again, God meets us where we are"

Pastor Dawn Ranck-Hower

Confession & Words of Assurance

## Responding

*The power of your love*

Hillsong

"This is Us"

Jen Morales & Karina Morales

Sharing and Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

## Sending

*We've Come This Far by Faith (Voices Together 599)*

*Virtual Choir by International Gospel Melodies (IGM)*

Benediction

## Upcoming Events

*All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.*

### Sunday, February 28

**Sunday School: 9:00 am.**

**Congregational Meeting: 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Jenn Esbenshade

Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Congregational Prayer: Bryan Hower

Children's Time: Ray Hurst

### February 14 (Zoom)

**Attendance: 46 • Church Offering: \$1,340.00**

As you are able, please mail your offerings to the church office.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**February 18: Meara Zurlo**

## Church News

**“Love for Others”:** During February we are collecting food for CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry. Drop off donations before **February 28** at the ELC (main door at the carport) from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours.

**Thank you:** Many, many thanks to all those who remembered my birthday with cards and calls and for the special “care package.” It all makes me feel like one of the family. May God bless you all in your various ministries. Love, Rhoda Clemens.

**My Coins Count!!!** Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee’s work around the world. Drop off donations during March at the ELC (main door at the carport) from 6:15 a.m.-9 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. or contact Pastor Dawn to arrange a time between those hours. The coin bucket is in Pastor Dawn’s office.

## Community News

**Webinar on the Cost of War/Stories of War Tax Resisters:** Offered by MC USA, **Thursday, February 25** from 7:30-8:30 p.m. ET. “Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War” will feature the voices of peacemakers across the denomination. A highlight of the initiative is an online panel discussion hosted by Park-Hur that focuses on the economics of war. The webinar will feature several active war resisters who will share how they oppose paying for war. More info available at [mennoniteusa.org/news/learn-pray-join-cost-of-war](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/learn-pray-join-cost-of-war)

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