

July 29, 2007

## Speak Lord! Habla Señor!

“... speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” -I Samuel 3:15

### Praising Our Generous God

PRELUDE

Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

Leader: We have come together, listening God —

**People: because you have spoken your word of welcome.**

Leader: We are drawn to your presence —

**People: because of the persistence of your call.**

Leader: Speak to your servants here is ways we can understand.

**People: We want to hear the message you intend for us.**

Leader: We want to listen.

**People: We want to listen and respond.**

**All: Speak Lord! Amen.**

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      “Open now thy gates of beauty”      No. 19

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      “Come, let us all unite to sing”      No. 12

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S STORY

Ilona Abrahams

### Proclaiming God’s Generous Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT      *I Samuel 3:1-21*

MONOLOGUES BY HANNAH, ELI AND SAMUEL

SPECIAL MUSIC      “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”

Laura, Kristin and Michelle Unruh

MEDITATION

Peter Goerzen

### Responding With Generosity

RESPONSE SONG      “Here I am, Lord”      No. 395

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Leader: Children of mine, I call to you!

**People: Here we are!**

Leader: How do you know where you are? Your sight has grown dim,  
you see nothing but yourselves, you know nothing but your  
own ways. (Silence)

Leader: O children of mine, I call to you!

**People: Here we are!**

Leader: While in the night you toss on your bed, your little ones remain  
in the temple of God. Their sight is keen; they see beyond,  
they visit other worlds. (Silence)

Leader: O children of mine, I call to you!

**People: Here we are!**

Leader: You are my temple. My spirit within you. So wait for me;  
my Word will come. (Silence)

Leader: Children of mine, I call to you!

**All: *Speak, God, for your servants hear.***

\*SENDING SONG

*"Move in our midst"*

No. 418

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

Speak Lord, I am listening! Samuel's earnest and heartfelt words of readiness to serve God still inspires us today. May we be open to hearing God's call to us in ways that are both familiar and unpredictable.

We are blessed to have our own Peter Goerzen (Bethel grad of 07) bring us the message today. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Grace Regier & Elaine Schroeder and Dannie & Alice Schmidt. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone.

Children ages 2 through grade 5 meet in room 10-12.

Adults meet in the fellowship hall to hear Mike Miller, rep from Mennonite Foundation & MMA Trust Co. along with his wife Lois Miller, registered nurse & case manager at Hutchinson Hospital share on Stewardship Based End of Life Planning. Learn about the basic legal tools to have in place for the end of life & focus on the most frequently overlooked part of end of life planning: facing illness with the dramatic increase in technological medical options.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

**WDC IN TULSA!** Western District Conference and South Central Conference is meeting in Tulsa this weekend. The following are delegates to the conference: Nancy and Corey Miller, Jim and Diana Schmidt, Myron Voth, Denise Nickel, Barb Banman, Gayle Funk, Lee and Phyllis Goertzen. Also attending the conference are Hannah and Rachel Miller, Doug and Jude Krehbiel, Phyllis Regier and Marlene Bogard.

## This Week

### Wednesday, August 1

**7:00 p.m.**—**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Daniel Funke has become a Christian and the church board fully endorses plans for a believer's baptism service for Daniel at Londell & LeNora Duerksen's farm. We invite those of you who can make it to come and support Daniel and welcome him as a brother in Christ and as a member of our congregation. Refreshments will follow.

## Next Sunday, August 5

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be “*Raised with Christ.*” The text is Colossians 3:1-11 and Corey will be preaching. We will also hear from the youth about their service trip to San Antonio and we will be celebrating communion. Prepare yourselves to be raised with Christ around the Lord’s Table.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Adults: Continuing the series on *Practicing our Faith*—Ron Schroeder and Terah Goerzen: Social Work.

**2-4:30 p.m.**—In honor of Ernest and Elma Goertz’s 60th wedding anniversary, please join us at the Agape Center in Goessel for visiting and light refreshments. - The children of Ernest and Elma.

## Announcements

**IAN SCHMIDT** (John and Kay’s son) has recently completed his two year term of service with Peace Corps. The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship. Since that time, more than 187,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have been invited by 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Ian worked in Ghana, Africa and taught math and chemistry at a secondary school.

**DURING MY TIME IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** I plan on sending out emails updating people on what and how I am doing. If you would be interested in receiving this email please let me know by sending an email to [benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com). The church office will be on my list if you do not have access to email but would still wish to read my emails. Also, my mailing address will be 1302 Kenyon St. NW Washington, D.C. 20010-2306. Thanks for all of your support! – Ben Schmidt

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Following the worship service on Sunday, August 12, there will be a brief special congregational meeting. We will vote on a Council recommendation to call Karen Andres, Associate Pastor, to a three-year term beginning October 1, 2007. This is part of Council’s desire to bring her contract in line with the rest of the Pastoral team.

**THE GIFT DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE** is currently looking for someone to fill the position of Adult Sunday School Supervisor beginning in September. We would like you to prayerfully consider using your gifts for this position. Please talk to anyone on the Gift Discernment Committee: Barb Banman, Bob Unruh, Van Schmidt, Warren Schmidt or Pastor Corey, if you feel called for this position.

**Willing Helpers** - those who have not turned in the yellow volunteer sheet need to do so TODAY. Please fill it out and put in Norma Graber’s mailbox.

**CHILDREN:** If you missed the children’s story on July 1, please visit the table in the foyer & pick up a Western District Conference Vision 2012 activity booklet. ALL CHILDREN and their parents – please consider what your contribution to Vision 2012 can be. Fill out the slip of paper on the table & place it in the jar with your money. Let’s see how many swimmers we can add to the pool site!! Your contributions will go toward a new swimming pool at Camp Mennoscah, or new WDC library books, or to help new WDC churches. For every \$2 we’ll add another swimmer.

**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW TO TEACH A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEXT YEAR!!** We need teachers for children’s and adult classes. Even if you’ve never taught before, sign up if you’re interested. Sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

**BE GENEROUS-SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE AT CHURCH!!**

Anyone may bring fresh produce to share with others. There is a table set up in the food pantry room to put the produce on. Just bring it to church any Sunday morning throughout the growing season. Anyone, may take home the produce from the table. If you take some, we ask that you share a small money donation to help support our **Tabor Church Food Pantry Ministry**.  
*Questions: ask Nancy Miller, Phyllis Goertzen or Eleanora Goertzen.*

***Now It Springs Up*** is a new year-long devotional book authored by Michele Hershberger, Laurie Oswald Robinson, and Carol Duerksen. All three authors and Nancy Miller, cover designer, will be at a book signing at Carol and Maynard's farm on Aug 5, 7-9 p.m. Come enjoy refreshments, get your book for \$15, (a savings of \$3) and have it signed by the authors and designer. Call 620-367-8432 for details.

**HELP WANTED: JOYFUL NOISE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHER:** Must be energetic, creative, organized, enthusiastic, and at least 18! Mon.-Fri., 3:00-6:00 p.m. Call #367-4620 for an application or send resume to: JNCCC ASP, P.O. Box 5 Goessel, KS 67053.

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** Lee Lever, WDC associate conference minister for Kansas, has been named by Mennonite Church USA as interim manager of the call system on a one-fourth time basis beginning August 1. Lee will assist Keith Harder in the Office of Congregational and Ministerial Leadership in addition to his one-half time position with WDC.

**BUYING SCHOOL SUPPLIES?** You can help children and adults in Iraq, Liberia, Honduras and other countries by purchasing extra items for Mennonite Central Committee school kits. Kits include 4 spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets each); 4 unsharpened #2 pencils; 1 ruler; 12 colored pencils; 1 large pencil eraser. Items may be brought to the MCC material resource center, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton; 316-283-2720. Find out more at [www.mcc.org/kits](http://www.mcc.org/kits). Thank you!

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**CAMP MENNOSCAH:** Grandparents/grandchildren weekend retreat Aug. 4-5.

Women's and Girls' Retreat, Sept.7-9.

Job opening: part time housekeeper at Retreat Center. Details posted.

**AMBS-GREAT PLAINS EXTENSION** fall class schedule

**POSSUM BOYS** final concert Aug. 12, 7pm, Bethel College Menn. church.

**AGRI-URBAN DAY ON THE FARM** August 18 at Maynard & Carol's farm.

**ET CETERA SHOP JOB OPENINGS:** Clerking and cleaning crew.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES:** reception for Cynthia Peacock, retiree from MCC, India. Aug.6 4-7pm. at the Ten Thousand Villages store.

**HEALTHCARE SUMMIT:** Finding Our Voice, Sept. 15, Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. WDC sponsored. See poster for details on this timely conference.

**DEO** urgent need for participants in Phoenix. Apply by Aug. 1.

**MATCH TWO: OFFENDER/VICTIM MINISTRIES** training Aug. 9.

**NEWTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Auditions Aug 6 and 7.

*On the table in the foyer: Our Faith Digest. Pick up a copy to enjoy.*

***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life***

The message of the good news is of the liberation of human beings from everything and everyone that keeps them enslaved.

- Elsa Tamez