

March 25, 2007

LENT 5

***“God makes a way through
mighty waters”***

“I am about to do a new thing . . . “ -Isaiah 43:19

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

INTROIT *“God of the Bible”* Adult Choir

WELCOME Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 126

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: The Lord does great things for us and we rejoice!

People: The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.**

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“New earth, heavens new”* No. 299

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Lord, I am fondly, earnestly”* No. 514

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP *“There is a redeemer”* -Green

CHILDREN’S STORY Kim Funk

Proclaiming God’s Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 43: 1-2, 16-21* Sheri Schmidt

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Blessed be the One”* Adult Choir

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *John 8:1-11* Sheri Schmidt

SERMON *“Called to Something Better”* Karen Andres

Responding to God

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Leader: We are all invited to see the new work of God.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: God of hope, give us eyes to see the new work you are doing among us. When we struggle to discern what lies ahead, we will see the new work of God.

Leader: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope (*pause*),
we will see the new work of God.
When our souls hunger for your presence (*pause*),
we will see the new work of God.

**All: *In the morning and in the evening,*
*we will see the new work of God.***

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

SONG "I have called you by name" (Isaiah 43) Doug & Jude Krehbiel
-Doug & Jude Krehbiel

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord we give you our thanks -**"Thanks be to God"**
Lord we pray to you -**"Hear our prayer"**

SONG OF HOPE "God of the Bible" Adult Choir

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

The scriptures today speak of a God who makes a way through mighty waters. Jesus has been given the authority to offer grace, mercy, love and forgiveness to all who will receive. All have sinned but we move forward in hope as God does a new thing and calls us to something better!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Doug & Jude Krehbiel and Lee & Phyllis Goertzen. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

10:45—Sunday School for all ages.

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.

NOON—Worship Fellowship appreciation meal.

7:00 p.m.—Goessel Elementary School, **BETHESDA HOME** "Building Community & Changing Lives" capital campaign. An evening of FREE dessert and entertainment. This event is a thank you to our constituency, NOT a fundraiser☺. Come out to support Bethesda.

1:30 p.m.—KPTS broadcast THIS AFTERNOON. Last February, a group of 13 religious leaders organized by the American Friends Service Committee and MCC visited Iran and met with various religious and governmental leaders. A participant from this area was Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College representing Mennonite Church USA. In addition to Mennonites and Quakers, there were representatives of the Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, National Council of Churches, Sojourners/Call to Renewal, and Pax Christi. A camera crew from the PBS TV show NOW went along and the half-hour documentary about the trip will air today.

This Week

Wednesday, March 28

6:00-6:45 p.m.—Supper—*sign up for meal* .

6:30-7:15 p.m.—Children of Light

6:45-7:00 p.m.—Supper Clean Up

6:45-7:15 p.m.—Sonbeams Choir

7:00-8:00 p.m.—TGYF

—Adult Bible Study: *Conflict Transformation: Mediation Demonstration*

7:15-8:00 p.m.—Children's Bible Study, Worship Team

7:15-8:15 p.m.—FaithWeaver Friends: We have been memorizing the books of the Bible. The reward for memorizing them is a pine car kit for our annual end of the year race. We will be handing them out this coming Wed. and the next to those who have their memorization done. Our race is April 25.

—Youth Explorers

8:00-9:00 p.m.—Adult Choir

Saturday, March 31: 7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study. Hebrews 12.

Next Sunday, April 1

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The focus of the morning will be "*God's steadfast love endures forever.*" The texts are Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 118, Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 19:28-40 and Corey will be preaching.

We invite you to enter the sanctuary quietly and reflectively during the season of Lent. Come early and use the time for prayer and centering your hearts on Christ. May we all prepare to be fed in this season of Lent.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday, April 1, right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

5:30-7:00 p.m.: Goessel Area 7th & 8th Graders: Mystery Supper

Please bring \$3.00 and your appetite to Goessel Church and be prepared to order your 3-course meal without getting fooled by the names they are given. Call Diane Unruh or Kris Franzen if you will NOT be attending.

7:00pm: SERVICE TRIP REPORTS. Next Sunday evening at Tabor Mennonite, we will hear reports from the Texas service project, as well as stories from those who went to the Peace March in Washington, as well as pictures from the youth who went to Rocky Mountain Camp. We will receive an offering to help with the expenses of the service trip and the peace march.

Remember to pray for:

Western District Conference: Pray for Norma Johnson, Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, KS as she retires from full-time pastoral ministry today. She also served the (former) General Conference Mennonite Church as an Executive Secretary for 10 years and will, in retirement, volunteer her leadership this summer as Director of the WDC Vacation Bible School Traveling Troup. Thank God for her ministry!

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God will grant wisdom to the many high school and college seniors who are making choices & are considering an assignment with Mission Network's Christian Service programs.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the faculty of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN on March 26 as they continue a major evaluation of the seminary's curriculum and prepare for a 10-year reaccreditation review.

Answer to prayer:

All our service people came home safely from their travels.

NEEDS:

Dear brothers and sisters from Kansas. My name is Tirsa Montes and I have a petition to God and maybe God can make it possible through you. My petition is a vehicle, I really need it to work and to get to places. I would really appreciate it if you would let me know if someone is selling a vehicle that's affordable to me. Thank you so much and God Bless you all.

Many of us will remember Tirsa. She is a member of our sister church, Potter House Mennonite, and has been a guest here in Kansas several times. Contact the church office if you can be of help.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

SHARE AN EASTER LILY: The flower committee is again inviting you to share an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one or in celebration of God's goodness to you. Please bring your lily with your name on the plant to the library no later than noon on Saturday, April 7. Please leave your name along with the celebration/memory in the secretary's box or call the church office (367-2318) no later than Wednesday, April 4 so we can include this information in our worship bulletin.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for sharing of yourselves while I was with you during the past year. Your warm hospitality, generosity, and patience during my ministry experience were greatly appreciated. I learned much and I will keep Tabor in my thoughts, prayers and memories. May the Lord bless your ministry in the Goessel community. —Merle Christner

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the eighty-two people we believe attended Mildred's final memorial service, especially to pastors Karen and Corey, that helped make the occasion so meaningful and memorable.

—Esley Schmidt

IN MAILBOXES NOW: It's a party you don't have to make room for on your calendar! Joyful Noise Community Child Care is having a Luau and you are invited to not come to the party! We know your schedule is full, so all you have to do is return the response card included with your invitation, enclose your party "gift" to Joyful Noise, and forget the rest! So put on your Hawaiian shirt and grass skirt and simply imagine the biggest party of the year. (Response cards may be returned either by mail or by placing them in the sand bucket located in the foyer.)

AREA JR. HIGH: This is your last chance to make reservations to attend the annual Camp WaShuGa event for Jr. Hi. Please turn your \$25 deposit in to Arlen Goertzen by March 28 so we can make plans for camp in May. Make checks payable to Goessel Area Jr. High. If you have any questions please contact Arlen at 367-8373.

WDC MARCH MADNESS: Tabor has a team participating the Western District Conference Basketball tournament. Schedule for play: Tues, March 27, 7:30 pm vs Hope Mennonite; Thurs, M. 29, 6:30 pm vs Alexanderwhol; Sat., M. 31 9 am vs Eden; Sat., 11am and following are playoff games. All games are in Thresher Gym on Bethel College's campus.

BOOK SIGNING: Raylene Hinz-Penner, author of "Searching for Sacred Ground: The Journey of Chief Lawrence Hart, Mennonite" will be at Faith and Life Bookstore 724 N Main, Newton for a book signing on Saturday, March 31 from 11am - 1pm. You are welcome to join her for fellowship and refreshments during this time!

URGENT MCC RELIEF RESPONSE TO IRAQ: You can help more than 500,000 people who have been displaced by the war in Iraq. MCC is shipping material aid, including 4,200 relief kits and raising \$60,000 for shipping and related costs in the month of March. In Central States, we are committed to collecting 865 relief kits and \$12,000. Designate funds for "Iraq Emergency Assistance." Kits can be brought to any MCC center. Details about relief kits and other drop-off sites can be found at www.mcc.org/iraqrelief. or call 316-283-2720.

OFFENDER/VICTIM MINISTRIES (Newton) is seeking a half-time administrative assistant to begin mid-April. For further information, please contact Libby at 316-283-2038.

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

>>Do you have family coming to take part in the MCC sale? Have a family reunion at Camp Mennoscah while enjoying the MCC sale. The Retreat Center and Main camp are both available for rent during the weekend of April 13-15, 2007. If interested, please contact Joyce at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

>>Camp catalogs will be mailed the first of April, look for yours in the mail. Dates are posted on the bulletin board or, check online at www.mennowdc.org and click on the camp tab. The theme this year is "Jesus: The Upside Down Mission". Come to camp and experience God through nature and fellowship.

WDC/SCC Annual Conference: Mark your calendars now for July 27-29, for the annual delegate session, to be held jointly between Western District and South Central Conference churches in Tulsa, OK. A joint Program Planning Committee is at work, with the promise of an interesting and uplifting time of worship, fellowship and learning. More details to follow in coming weeks.

WDC Vision 2012 update: The first phase of the Resource Library renovation and expansion is completed. The library lounge was dedicated for use by Seminary students and all library patrons. Also, a new room (to the south of present library) that will house the children's book collection is now ready for occupancy. Thank you for your generous, above-budget support for Vision 2012. We have over \$600,000 (of a goal of \$1.5 million) already committed. Check out the new WDC web site (www.mennowdc.org).

TAKE THE DEO CHALLENGE: DEO (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach) is looking for young adults (ages 18-25) who are ready to experience an intimate encounter with Jesus. Participants spend two months developing their faith before serving in community-based organizations in Phoenix and Denver. The 12 or 15 month-long program wraps up with a two-month internship in the participant's home congregation. For more information, e-mail Diana Cook at Service@MennoniteMission.net or check online: Service.MennoniteMission.net/DEO or www.d-e-o.org.

GOESSEL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (GWCA) will meet March 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Bethesda Home meeting room. Rachel Mohn will give us "Panicdotes."

KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES

39th annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 13 & 14, 2007 - Kansas State Fairgrounds
3 WEEKS UNTIL SALE DATE

It is GREAT to feel the excitement for the sale building!! Lots of people each doing a little allows the miracle to continue to happen each year. Plan to spend Friday evening and Saturday at the Kansas State Fair Grounds for all the events at the Kansas MCC Sale 2007, April 13 and 14.

The following is a list of the **Tabor 5K Team for 2007**. Runners please ask for donations at work, school, church, and community. Tabor members not running, please give a donation to someone on this list. There will also be a box placed on the MCC Sale table in the foyer for your donation. Please help our Tabor Team raise \$5000 again for the 5K. Josh Booth, Austin Unruh, Michelle Unruh, Leah Unruh, Jasmine Brandt, Corey Miller, Nancy Miller, Hannah Miller, Rachel Miller, Jerry Toews, Ben Schmidt, Carrie Sommerfeld, Justin Sommerfeld, Barb Banman, Denise Nickel, Elton Nickel, Bill Unruh, Anna Unruh, Sherry Unruh, Martha Ketels, Tim Eisenmann and friend Marco, Lee Goertzen, Phyllis Goertzen, Kevin Nickel, Kenton Nickel, Eunice Nickel, Les Goerzen, Kris Schmidt and Archie Schmidt. If there are more who want to take part in the fun please put your name in Jerry Toews mail box and we will add you to the list.

PLEASE help fill in the blanks for our Tabor people who are in charge. >>Marc and Joyce, Brandon and Kristi, Brad and Sarah, Pete and Sharon still have a few slots for help with **plants and things**.

>>Dale and Mary have a few slots for helping **cook sausage and helping serve sausage** to the multitude on Friday night.

>>Lewis and Carrie have a several slots for helping **sell sausage** on Saturday.

>>Pam and Brent need LOTS of help on Saturday. Making 40,000 **New Years Cookies** is one of the MOST labor intensive parts of the Kansas MCC Sales Food Service. Help support our young couple here.

>>We need lots of **pies and zweiback and bread**. Make sure you mark your pies and what kind of bread you bake.

Tuesday, April 10 is the FUN day of making 21,000 **Verenike**. We can guarantee that YOUR spirits will be lifted if you come. There are many jobs for those of you who can not be on your feet. This is a GREAT opportunity for those of you who are older and still want to take part in the action. About 40 people are needed each shift to do the final quality control of pinching the verenike while sitting at a table.

The **Children's Coin offering** last Sunday for the MCC Sale brought in \$82.42. This brings our total to \$537.43. FANTASTIC!! "Change does Change Lives". THANKS children for helping!!
MCC Sale Announcements Cont.

Homemade baked foods sell very well. Please have noodles in 1# pkgs, peppernuts in 1/2# or 1# pkgs. Your donations of sweet rolls, angel food cakes, poppy seed rolls, cookies, and whatever you bring are appreciated. Please identify items with note attached.

It's fun for the whole family. Located inside the Pride of Kansas Building is the newly organized **Children's Activity Area** featuring a Children's Auction, Moon Walk, carnival games, barrel rides, and the 9 hole MCC Mini-Golf. Enjoy a weekend of fun with your family and help make a difference through your donations to MCC. *Children you will have your own auction at 10am on Saturday with about 60 items. You must bring an adult to be able to bid.*

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Camp Mennoscah see posted information for the following:

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 20-22.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat is coming up April 23-25.

Ten Thousand Villages needs host family for volunteer from India. Details are posted.

KIPCORE benefit supper April 29, entertainment featuring Authur Marks. Details are posted.

Newsletter Items are due March 26.

Peace. Think About it.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- *Ephesians 3:18-19*