

January 13, 2008

**My Servant Will Bring Forth
Justice to the Nations**

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." -Matthew 3:17

Gathering

PRELUDE Kristin and Michelle Unruh and Chrystiana Voth

INTROIT *"He is the Rock"* Elbiata Singers

WELCOME Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.

Leader: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people.

ALL: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"O power of love"* No. 593

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*HYMN OF WORSHIP *"Worship the Lord in the beauty"* No. 220

GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the welcome pads

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43* Shelley Buller

SERMON *"God's Power in the World"* Karen Andres
Matthew 3:16, 17

Responding

RESPONSE *"Praise his holy name"* -Keith Hampton Elbiata Singers

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*BENEDICTION *"Peace I leave with you"* -Tim Shue Elbiata Singers
(John 14:27)

POSTLUDE

Today

Today we explore how God's power manifests itself in the world. God's power looks very different than the world's. Jesus demands that we work for a peace and justice that stands for those who are in the midst of brokenness. Can we be faithful and stand there too?

Welcome to Greg Bontrager and the Elbiata singers.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by David, Stacey & Evan Young and Harlin & Doris Unruh. *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

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.

This Week

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m.—**Willing Helpers** will meet for a work day. Please bring a (non cream) can of soup for lunch. A program including the installation service will be at 1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—**WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES RESUME.**

Saturday, January 19

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study on Mark 9.

Next Sunday, January 20

NEXT SUNDAY the theme is "*Strangers No More*" and we will look at the Immigration issue. The texts are Deuteronomy 24:14-22, Jeremiah 7:1-7, Ephesians 2:13-20 and Corey will be preaching.

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

Announcements

Thanks:

We have been on quite a journey during these past several weeks following our car accident. We are grateful that we aren't traveling this road by ourselves. Thank you again for the support of Corey, Karen, Doug, the deacons and our greater church family. The many cards, food, and above all, the many prayers offered on our behalf, have been much appreciated.

—Lester, Lois and Brittany Voth

Devotionals Watch! I received three devotionals this week. We are up to 13 now and I am very excited. Please, find time and courage to write one; I guarantee that it will bless others and glorify God. Send any devotionals to: cmiller@tabormennonite.org.

Annual Meeting: January 27 at noon! Make plans to attend the Tabor annual meeting at noon on January 27th. Several items need our corporate vision, including the opportunity to enter into a relationship with a new church plant in North Houston, led by pastor Aurora Parchmont (Alberto's wife). Being in this relationship would require some financial commitment, but it would also need a small group of people committed to nurturing this relationship. So, if God is laying this ministry possibility on your heart, prayerfully think about it and come to the meeting to share what you may be feeling!

ANNUAL REPORTS: Thank you to everyone who has submitted your annual report. If you still need to, *please do so before tomorrow morning*, either email (preferred) to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or place in the secretary mailbox. Treasurers reports are due in the box on the counter in the church office as well.

GOESSEL/PEABODY/WALTON LUNCH BUNCH has been changed to Tuesday, January 29. We will meet at noon at the AGAPE Senior Center, Goessel.

INVITATION TO JOIN CANTATA: Alexanderwohl Church has asked the adult choir to join them in a cantata *The Seven Last Words of Christ* for Good Friday directed by Ken Rodgers. Anyone who wishes to sing in this cantata is welcome to join our rehearsals on Wed. nights. Future rehearsal schedules will be printed in the bulletin.

THE MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM will hold its annual meeting January 20 at 2pm in the Alexanderwohl Church fellowship hall. The agenda includes annual reports and a presentation by Brian Stucky on pioneer trails in Kansas. Faspa will follow.

MDS: Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having their annual meeting on January 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, Hillsboro. Kenneth Unruh and Paul Unruh will be speaking on "Reflections of the Greensburg Tornado".

PEACE CONNECTIONS: Join together to reflect on our past, look forward to the future, and celebrate 25 years of working for peace! Peace Connections 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting, Thurs., Jan. 31, 6 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Newton. Barry Bartel, Bethel College President and former board member at Newton Area Peace Center, will be reflecting on the beginnings of Newton Area Peace Center and how that experience helped shape his current peace passion. Together we will also begin celebrating the Season of Nonviolence, which kicks off on Jan. 30. A soup supper begins at 6 pm. For information call 316-284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org

THE NEWTON ET CETERA SHOP is having a 50% OFF STOREWIDE SALE on Wednesday, January 16th. All profits will be directed to AIDS Care Kits through Mennonite Central Committee.

JOHN McCUTCHEON, nationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and peace activist, will perform at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. This concert headlines KIPCOR's 35th annual Peace Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

KAUFFMAN MUSEUM Program Features Live Bird: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, January 13, 3:30-4:30 pm, "Birds of a Feather...". Joyce Lent, naturalist at Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita, will bring a live bird and give a presentation about that bird's life habits. Free and open to the public.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

WELCOME TO EDUCATION AT BETHEL. January 19, 8:30am. See poster on bulletin board. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

THE MEETING, which depicts a hypothetical encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, will be presented at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility on January 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Prison Arts Project of Offender / Victim Ministries. See bulletin board for details.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE:

>>FELLOWSHIP MEALS - You have two options this year. You can do what you have done in the past and either be a host or a guest at another church (the yellow forms were in your mailboxes) OR you can have your Fellowship Meal AT TABOR this year on Sunday, March 2 after the morning service. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for this option. A \$15 donation to MCC for adults and \$6 per child 6-12 yrs. of age is suggested. Children under 6 are free. PLEASE SIGNUP.

>>PLEASE consider donating money for pre-sale expenses. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the Kansas MCC Sale. For those of you who have never donated to pre-sale expenses, PLEASE consider giving \$40 this year. Our pre-sale budget is about \$80,000. While this sounds staggering, it becomes very achievable when LOTS of Kansas Mennonites each give a little. Consider this motivational factor - the members of the Greensburg Mennonite Church have already given \$4500 to pre-sale expenses and they do not have a church building. Pre-sale expenses are things like: \$750 for raisins for those delicious new year's cookies, \$750 for ice cream to put on your home-made pie, \$2,000 for the hams in the ham gravy for the verenika, \$6000 for insurance which we can't eat, \$5000 for sausage, etc. PLEASE put your donations in Kris and Archie Schmidt or Jerry and Leann Toews' box. THANKS!

“The Upside Down King” musical is a new, upbeat, fun, and powerful re-telling of the life and ministry of Jesus. This original musical, with script by Carol Duerksen and music by Doug & Jude Krehbiel (Road Less Travelled), features a five member young adult cast, and a live classic rock and roots band.

Cast and Band members: Doug Krehbiel, Jason Peters, Ben Kliewer, Ted Krehbiel, Bethany Amstutz, Tonya Keim Bartel, Lowell Wyse, Bridget Kratzer, Jude Krehbiel.

Geared for youth and all ages, **“The Upside Down King”** focuses on the flipped-over aspects of Christ's life and teachings, including loving enemies, being servants, and going the second mile. Seven presentations (4 in Kansas) will be done throughout WDC in January, 2008 - choose one to attend! Offerings will be received for WDC youth ministry.

Sunday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS

Sunday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, KS

Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS

Peace, lived out in us.

We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something. - *Mother Teresa*