

March 9, 2008

## Into New Life

“... I am the resurrection and the life.” -John 11:25a

### Gathering

PRELUDE Diana Schmidt

INTROIT “Breath on me breath of God” Adult Choir

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Sharleen Francis

Leader: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you all the pain that you feel.

**People: Lord, bring to us healing and hope.**

Leader: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you your confusion and doubts.

**People: Lord, bring to us restoration and renewal of life.**

Leader: Come to Jesus this day. Bring your tired, dead bones.

**People: Lord, bring to us the breath of your resurrection life.**

**All: We come to Jesus this day *believing* that  
he will make something beautiful happen.**

PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

### Praising God

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE “I sing the mighty power of God” No. 46

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

*Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge*

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ave Verum Corpus” -Mozart Adult Choir

*Jesu, word of God incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born;*

*On the cross Thy sacred body for God's people with nails was torn.*

*Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side,*

*Feed us with Thy body broken, Now, and in death's agony.*

### Confessing

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SILENCE

SONG “My Jesus I Love Thee” No. Adult Choir

AFFIRMING FAITH

### Hearing Gods Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Kristin Schmidt

HYMN “Holy God, we praise thy name” No. 8CS

Jerry Toews, Vorsanger

HEARING THE GOSPEL STORY *John 11:1-45* Jason Unruh

SERMON “When Death Appears to Win” Corey Miller

## Responding To God

SONG OF FAITH      “*Rise up Lazarus*”      Doug and Jude Krehbiel

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

DIALOGUE BETWEEN MARTHA AND EZEKIEL

“*Dry Bones and Stinking Flesh*”      Sharleen Francis and Warren Schmidt

\*SENDING SONG      “*From ashes to the living fount*”      No. 149CS

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### Today

It seems that death often has the final word, but today the scriptures remind us that God’s breath of life can make the seemingly impossible become possible. Jesus called Lazarus out from his deathly cave to live again. God made dry bones come alive before Ezekiel. Is Jesus calling us from death? How does God want to breath new life into our tired, dry bones?

We welcome all of you to our time of worship!

This morning you were greeted by Alice & LeRoy Funk and Ernest and Elma Goertz. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Childcare is available during worship today.

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

**4:00 p.m.**—WDC **Children’s choir festival**, Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. Rehearsal begins at 1:30 p.m. *Tabor’s Children of Light will be part of this choir.*

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

#### **Monday, March 10**

**7:00 p.m.**—Deacon’s meet with Stewardship Co., parsonage basement.

#### **Wednesday, March 12**

Pastor Karen will be in Topeka for a Healthcare Advocacy Training Session with others from Western District to talk about healthcare issues.

#### **6:00 p.m.—Wednesday Evening Activities**

**JOYFUL NOISE** will be serving the meal. If you can help by providing any food items, please sign up on bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Saturday, March 15**

**7:00 a.m.**—Men’s Bible Study on Mark 16.

### Next Sunday, March 16

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the sixth Sunday in Lent, which is Palm Sunday. All children should meet at 9:10am in the basement to prepare for their Palm processional. The focus of the morning worship will be “*Into the Depths.*” The texts are Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Karen will be preaching.

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

## Announcements

### THANKS

This is a belated thank you for the beautiful flowers from the church for my recent birthday and also a thank you for all who sent me cards. -Art Schmidt

**HOLY WEEK:** Please sign up if you are planning to attend the Maundy Thursday service on March 20. The meal begins at 6:30pm followed by a worship service. There is also a sign up sheet for those who want to bring bread for the meal that the reception committee will be serving.

**SHARE AND 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 Sat., March 22. Leave your name, along with the celebration/memory in the secretary's box or call the church office (367-2318) no later than Wed., March 19 so we can include this information in our worship bulletin.

**LAST DEVOTIONAL PLUG!** This is the last devotional advertisement you will hear! If you have one started or even if one is percolating in your head or heart, feel free to send it on in. We have about 50 that have been turned in and I am grateful for them all. Thank you all to those who wrote one and even for those who considered writing one. I will begin the work of formatting these devotionals and laying them out. When they are done, I believe they will bring joy to all who read them. Send any devotionals to Corey at: [cmiller@tabormennonite.org](mailto:cmiller@tabormennonite.org) or place in Corey's box.

**Willing Helpers** will meet Monday, March 17 at 6:30 for a work evening. Our devotional theme is "Receiving and Giving". We will tie comforters for MCC, cut quilt blocks, embroidery, etc. Come for an evening of fun and fellowship while we work.

**GOESSEL/WALTON/PEABODY LUNCH BUNCH** will be on Tuesday, March 18, at Leann Toews' house at noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED** to Conference Resource Library: Felix and the Worrier by Rosemary Wells; Aunt Olga's Christmas Postcards by Kevin Major.

**MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM:** Today is the last day to make reservations for the Sweet Adelines Concert at Alexanderwohl on Sat., March 15. The \$50 dinner/entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. Call the Museum at 367-8200 or Donavon Schmidt at 367-2391.

**IT'S WDC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN.** If interested in playing, contact Ben Schmidt by March 10 at [benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com) or 620-386-4315. Tournament dates are March 31-April 5 & is held at Bethel College.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES,** Newton is looking for volunteers to help conduct physical inventory on Sun., March 30 at 2:00 pm. Inventory will take about 2 1/2 to 3 hours and refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project please call the store at 316-283-0061.

**CAMP MENNOSCAH DIRECTOR'S HOUSE UPDATE:** Sheet rocking is complete on main floor and basement; roofing is nearing completion; cabinets are being constructed; siding is started. Urgent need for someone to tape and finish sheetrock. Contact Galen Waltner: 620-386-0287; [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com)

### ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

\* **JOB OPENINGS:** Newton EtCetera Shop. Details are posted.  
Human Resources Generalist.

Mennonite Central Committee:

## KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

April 11 & 12, 2008 - Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas

>>Last Sunday's **CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING** totaled \$125.50. THAT IS A NEW RECORD FOR ONE SUNDAY!!

>>**NEW SIGNUP SHEETS** are on the table. PLEASE look and signup.

>>**BRING YOUR PROJECTS** anytime and put them in the northwest corner of the basement. IF you are building something, PLEASE call Jerry when you are finished so he can take a picture of it and get it posted on the website.

>>TABOR women have created 9 **QUILTS, COMFORTERS AND WALL HANGINGS**. They were taken in so they can be posted on the website. We are SO thankful for this tremendous effort!!

>>There is a box under the signup table for Toys for the **CHILDREN'S AUCTION**. You may donate "new" or "like new" toys.

>>PLEASE support our Tabor people who are in charge of areas at the MCC sale by filling their signup sheets: **SELLING SAUSAGE** (Lewis and Carrie Unruh); **CUTTING AND COOKING SAUSAGE** (Dale and Mary Alderfer); **PLANTS AND THINGS** (Sara Hiebert, Kristi and Sharon Unruh); **NEW YEARS COOKIES** (Brent and Pam Abrahams).

>>Tabor had 40 people for their **FELLOWSHIP MEAL** in the basement with great food and fellowship. THANKS so much for your support.

>>It is NOT too late to start a **WOOD AND METAL PROJECT**. It is NOT too late to be transplanting and starting seeds for "**PLANTS AND THINGS**".

### **Peace, lived out in us.**

"Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Victory is ours through him who loves us."  
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu