

March 16, 2008

Into the Depths

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" -Psalm 118:26

Gathering

PRELUDE Sara Adrian

WELCOME Worship Leader, Corey Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

All: For you are our God, and we will give thanks to you!

Praising God

GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Hosanna, loud hosanna"* No. 238

PALM BRANCH PROCESSIONAL Children

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Hosanna to the King"* Children of Light and Sonbeams

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"All hail the power of Jesus' name"* No. 106

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP *Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge*

CHILDREN'S STORY *Matthew 21:1-11* Leann Toews

Confessing Our Sins

CONFESSIONAL Back of Bulletin

SILENCE

SONG *"Lord, listen to your children"* No. 353

AFFIRMING FAITH

Hearing Gods Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

SERMON *"God's Reign Dance"* Karen Andres

Responding To God

SONG *"Lord of the Dance"* vv. 1, 2, 3 No. 58CS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION SONG *"The Holy City"* Bill Froese

POSTLUDE

Today

As we begin Passion week, we are reminded that the reign of God has broken forth into our world through Jesus Christ in a radical new way. His ultimate trust and dependence was on God. The church shares this calling with Jesus. May our deeds show to the world the depths of God's love as we join in the dance!

We welcome all of you to our time of worship!

This morning you were greeted by Orlin & Mary Jane Janzen and Darwin & Kim Funk. *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.

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.

The flowers this morning are in honor of LeRoy and Alice Funk's 60th wedding anniversary. Praise God for this blessing!

Blood pressure checks in room 113 following the worship service.

This Week

Monday, March 17

6:30 p.m.—Willing Helpers will meet for a work evening.

Tuesday, March 18

12:00 noon—Goessel, Peabody, Walton lunch bunch at Leann Toews home. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship Committee meeting at Leann Toews home.

Wednesday, March 19

6:00 pm: Supper-*sign up for meal*

6:30 pm: Children of Light Choir practice

7:00 pm: TMYF; Adult Choir Cantata practice at Alexwanderwohl. Adult Choir remain at Alex. for Easter Sunday practice. *Due to limited rehearsal time for Easter Morning, PLEASE rehearse the 3 Easter anthems at home.*

7:15 pm: FaithWeaver Friends, Youth Explorers

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held on **March 20**. The meal begins at **6:30 pm** followed by a worship service. Please sign up if you are planning to attend. There is also a sign up sheet if you can help by bringing bread for the meal.

GOOD FRIDAY: The cantata, "*The Seven Last Words of Christ*" by *Theodore Dubois*, will be presented on **March 21 at 7:00 pm.** at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church by the combined choirs of the Goessel, Tabor and Alexanderwohl Mennonite Churches. Child care will be provided birth through kindergarten. A free will offering will be taken to be divided equally between the ministries of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Emmaus Mennonite Church.

SHARE AND EASTER LILY: The flower committee is 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.

Next Sunday, March 23

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday, the most important Sunday for Christians. All are welcome to attend the Sunrise Service at **7:00am** in the Tabor foyer, lead by our youth. At **8:00am** we will have an Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall and we invite you to bring Easter breads, cinnamon rolls and other goodies to celebrate Christ's resurrection. We then will have a wonderful worship service planned for all ages starting at **9:30am**. Please bring a friend and make plans to celebrate with us. The texts will be Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4 and Matthew 28:1-10. Corey will be preaching, people will be sharing, the choir will be singing and God's spirit will be moving! There will be no Sunday that day.

Announcements

CARING GROUP LEADER'S pastoral training meeting has been set for March 30 with a noon potluck meal. Care givers, deacons & others interested are invited.

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.

WDC CONFERENCE RESOURCE LIBRARY at 2517 N. Main, North Newton continues to be open until 8 p.m. on Thursday nights. Come and see what's new! However, we will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 in observance of Maundy Thursday.

THE ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE MEN'S pancake and sausage supper will be on Saturday, March 29 at the Goessel Grade School. All you can eat pancakes and sausage will be served from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help purchase a new power point projector. Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship!

AN INVITATION FROM ORSCHELEN FARM AND HOME STORE. Orscheln's is inviting church attenders to purchase items the week of March 23 and they will issue a check back to the church for 5% of all receipts turned in to Kim. (Place receipts in sec. mailbox) See the note on the bulletin board for further details.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

- * Letter from **KENTON & ENUICE NICKEL** serving with MVS in Fresno, CA.
- * **JOB OPENINGS:** Newton EtCetera Shop: Retail Manager.
Mennonite Central Committee: Human Resources Generalist.
Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Services director.

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

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

>>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).

>>**THE CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING** set ANOTHER new record last Sunday of \$140.08. FANTASTIC!!

>>**NEW SIGNUP SHEETS** are on the table for baking pies and zwieback.

>>Those of you bringing your **PROJECTS** to the basement, PLEASE put a full description, who built the project, and any story or interesting facts which will help your project sell better. When your project is complete call Jerry so he can take a picture and get it posted on the website.

>>It is time to start getting pledges for the **TABOR 5K RUNNERS**. We would like to see everyone involved as either a runner or giving pledges. Those of you running PLEASE try and get more pledges for MCC than you did last year.

>>If you would like an **UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE**, we invite you to help make **20,000 VERENIKE** Tues. morning, April 8, at the Hillsboro Fairgrounds (signup sheet). For those of you who are not steady on your feet come and help in the "final pinching" quality control area. Those steady on your feet can help in other areas. This IS a very FUN day that is guaranteed to lift your spirits.

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

>>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**".

>>There is still opportunity to donate to **PRESALE EXPENSES**. Consider donating \$40 to celebrate the sales 40th anniversary. Place your donation in Kris & Archie Schmidt or Leann and Jerry Toews' mailbox.

HAPPENINGS AT CAMP MENNOSCAH

CAMP MENNOSCAH DIRECTOR'S HOUSE UPDATE: The sheetrock is being taped and mudded, the garage doors should be installed this week. Work is continuing on the siding and hopefully the roofing will be completed this weekend. The next need will be for: priming the walls and ceiling, blowing insulation in the attic, more help for siding, also looking for trim carpenters, door hangers, cabinet installers, people willing to stain and varnish wood trim.

Contact Galen Waltner: 620-386-0287 (cell); galenwaltner@hotmail.com

RETIREEES' RELAXATION RETREAT will be held April 14-16. This years theme is Caretakers of Creation. There will be plenty of time for those attending to relax- enjoy the river, go gishing or share pictures, hobbies and stories. We will also have presenters talking about recycling, birds and the stars. *A brochures is posted on the bulletin board.*

MEN & BOYS RETREAT AT MENNOSCAH: Mark your calendars for April 25-27 for the annual retreat and campout, sponsored by the Mennonite Men of the Plains. The theme is "Wrestling With God", and will feature music, food, fellowship, fishing, and just plain fun. This is a great opportunity to start a tradition with your son or invite someone to "church" in a relaxed atmosphere. Don't put it off another year...come see why this event has been successful for over 50 years! For more information, contact Brent Voran 316-283-1072.

CAMP MENNOSCAH CAMPING SEASON—HOORAY! Camp catalogs are in the mail and on our website: www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html. Every camper (all ages) who attended any camp or retreat at Camp Mennoscah last year should receive a catalog in the mail. Catalogs have also been sent to your churches. Look for the 2008 camp poster or ask your camp advocate or church staff. Our theme for the summer is "The Bible: Digging for Treasure," and there is a \$10 discount if registration and FULL payment is received by May 16, 2008. We can't wait to see you at Camp Mennoscah this summer. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org. *Catalogs are on the table in the foyer. Tabor is again offering scholarships to all children/youth who attend Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.*

Camp Mennoscah needs nurses and kitchen staff! We're looking for folks who like camp and kids and have a week or two to give. Our camping season starts June 1st and ends August 1st. Check out our 2008 camp schedule or catalog for details about each camp week - www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html. (Only have a few days? How about our First Camp or one of the Pre-Junior camps?) It's a great way to spend time with fun people, rejuvenate, and see what is going on at Camp Mennoscah. We'll even give you a camp tee shirt. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Peace, lived out in us.

Notice, this King was not riding a horse,
for he was not coming to make war.
He was riding a donkey, the animal used by
the poor. King Jesus was coming in peace.

- P. G. Mathew