

April 20, 2008

Sharing God's Time

"My times are in your hand." -Psalm 31:15

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: All times and all seasons are ordained by God.

**People: Times when we feel faithful and full,
and times when we feel sinful and empty.**

Leader: This time is a gift in which we come together
to worship our god who keeps perfect time.

**All: *May God be glorified, and our spirits strengthened
as we use this time for God's Kingdom's glory. Amen.***

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 37

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"What a fellowship, what a joy divine"* No. 103CS

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS
please pass the friendship pads

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS & DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh

Proclaiming God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Colossians 4:2-6*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Anyway"* Sharleen Francis

HEARING THE GOSPEL STORY *Luke 10:38-42*

SERMON *"When there's no time to waste"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

SONG OF HOPE *"Turn, turn, turn"* Doug and Jude Krehbiel
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *"God of our life"* No. 486

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

"If we just had 8 days in a week, I think I'd have enough time." Many resonate with this desire for more time in our lives, but what is time really? What have we done to time? How do we manage the time that we are given? We are invited to take time today to slow down and reflect on how to be good stewards of God's time.

We welcome all of you to our time of worship! This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen & Maynard Knepp and Steve & Bonnie Janzen. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Childcare is available during worship today.

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.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School classes for all ages today.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

TODAY For Stewardship of Health Month, you are invited to hear Jill Brandt speak during the S.S. hour in the sanctuary. Her presentation will be "Our Daily Bread: Stewardship & Nutrition", focusing on food portion sizes, family eating habits, healthy choices, God's view of food & nutrition. We will have MMA books & resources on health topics available next Sunday instead of today. We will also discuss the "Healthy Bodies, Grateful Hearts" booklet at that time. There are still booklets available on the table in the foyer.

RAY AND BRENDA MARTIN HURST— April 24, 2008, marks the 20th anniversary of our ordinations for ministry in Tabor Mennonite Church. We are filled with deep gratitude for your strong affirmation of both of our callings to pastoral ministry. You ordained us, blessed us with eleven positive years of pastoral ministry experience and prepared us for all the ministries we have engaged in since then. In love and gratitude to you, we share the flowers on the communion table today. God bless you for your faithfulness in calling out and affirming women and men for Ministry.

Also see the letter from the Hurst's posted on the bulletin board.

Pastor Karen, along with a number of women from Tabor are attending *Women In Conversation* in Wichita this weekend.

C. HOWARD AND ESTHER UNRUH will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house today from 2:00 to 4:30 at the Agape Senior Center in Goessel. The couple requests no gifts.

This Week

Monday, April 21

10:00 a.m.—Funeral Service for Ruth Brandt.

7:00 p.m.—**ALL LADIES** (young and old) are invited to hear Laurie Oswald Robinson, editor to the Timbrel Magazine. Come for an enjoyable and inspirational evening with Laurie.

Tuesday, April 22

Noon—Goessel, Peabody, Walton Lunch Bunch at the Agape Center in Goessel. Please sign up if you would like to attend.

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 p.m.—TMYF meet in the parsonage: special surprise guest.

Next Sunday, April 27

9:30 a.m.— We will conclude our stewardship month by reflecting on "*The Stewardship of our Bodies*." The texts will be Genesis 2:18-25, I Corinthians 6:12-20; Mark 5:35-43 and Todd Lehman will be preaching.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone.

STEWARDSHIP OF HEALTH MONTH: Please join us during the SS hour to hear Kevin Nickel present on Exercise Plans, Injury Prevention, Strengthening.

Announcements

THANKS

Thank you for your concern and prayers after my accident several weeks ago. A special thank you to Fred Unruh and Paul and Norma Graber for all their help that morning, to Pastor Corey, and for sharing the Caring Quilt with me during the week. I really felt God's protection that morning.

—Sierra Dirksen

The Area Jr High would like to thank those that came to our meal fundraiser last Sunday. We greatly appreciate your financial support of \$1713.25 to help pay for Camp WaShunGa expenses. Thank you!

Thanks to Tabor for supporting the Kansas MCC Sale so well with ALL your gifts of time and money and just being there for the successful event. The total this year was \$406,500 which was up nearly \$50,000 over 2007. It would not have happened without YOU!!! A special thanks to the Tabor 5K team who brought in \$4853. That will buy 161 goats for MCC. See you next year and start dreaming of what you can make for next years sale.

-Thanks from your contact people.

If there are some of you 5K runners who have more money to turn in, please put it in Kris and Archie Schmidt's box as soon as possible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: There will be a VBS orientation for *everyone* who is involved in any way with Bible School on April 30 at 6:30 pm. A Safe Sanctuaries training will follow at 7:00 for any VBS volunteers or others in the church who still need the training. All VBS volunteers must have attended a Safe Sanctuaries training during the last 3 years. Please let Pam Abrahams or Janna Duerksen know if you will not be able to attend the orientation. *Please turn in Bible School registrations for your children as soon as possible to Pam Abrahams or Janna Duerksen. If you need a form, they are located on the table in the foyer.*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: The grass is growing at Joyful Noise. We are in need of a volunteer mower or mowers. If this is something you can help with, please call Kelli at the daycare at 367-4620, or Brandy at 367-2912.

BOOK STILL MISSING: The now much overdue Conference Resource Library Book, "*Aunt Olga's Christmas Postcards*" by Kevin Major (a children's book) has still not been returned. Please check you homes again. This book really needs to be returned NOW.

JODY SCHMIDT, serving with the voluntary service unit in Chicago, reports Mennonite Mission Network requires the VS'ers to raise their own funds to attend this year's VS Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in May. Checks should be sent directly to Mennonite Mission Network, PO Box 347, Newton, KS 67114, with "MVS Retreat Travel /Chicago Unit" placed in the memo line. Jody says, "If people are able to help, we would be very thankful." Donors will receive a tax deductible receipt for their donation. The unit's goal is \$450. Through a mini bake sale Jody and her VS house mates raised \$150.

MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM: *History is the light on the back of the boat.* Jarek Pajakowski, director of a museum in Poland, will make a presentation on "Mennonites in the Lower Vistula River Valley in the 17th and 18th Centuries" next Sunday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m. in Mennonite Heritage Museum's Preparatory School. Jarek will be accompanied by Henryk Zamojski, who worked for Randolph and Laura Flaming nearly 30 years ago. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SERVICE OF ORDINATION for Linda Ewert on Sunday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. A light reception meal will follow. Please join us for this celebration of thanksgiving and praise to God!

MISSION PARTNERS: We are eagerly anticipating our time with you during the summer months. One of our continuing needs for our North American assignment is a vehicle suitable for two adults and three young children to get us between Newton and Goshen, Ind., and a few places elsewhere. We will start our time in June in Kansas. Any offers or leads on this request are greatly appreciated. Peace, Joe, Anna, Isaac, Moses, and Levi Sawatzky

WDC/SCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Registration brochures and other information regarding the joint annual WDC/SCC delegate sessions (June 27-28 at Hesston College and Hesston Mennonite Church, KS) will be available very soon in the church office. Non delegates are welcome to attend as well, since there will be programs, workshops, and activities of interest to all.

CAMP MENNOSCAH

SUMMER CAMPS—The theme this summer is “The Bible: Digging for Treasure.” *Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive a scholarship from Tabor Church and a check will be issued to you.*

MEN & BOYS RETREAT IS NEXT WEEKEND! (APRIL 25-27) Bring your son, dad, and grandpa for this great annual event! Contact Brent Voran @ 284-2657 or email bcvoran@cox.net.

KANSAS MENNONITE MEN’S CHORUS: Sunday, April 20, 7pm, Bethany College, Lindsborg in Presser Hall. KMMC is celebrating its 40th year of ministry, with offerings taken at the concerts going to the work of MCC. Over one-half million dollars has been contributed over the years.

ORDINATION SERVICE for Derek Yoder at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, April 20, 2:01 pm. A pie reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

CREDENTIALING SERVICE for Susan Jantzen as interim pastor of the Deer Creek (Oklahoma) Mennonite Church, April 27, 10:30 a.m. during the morning worship service at Deer Creek Mennonite Church.

FAITH! Celebrate the Journey 1958 - 2008: You are invited to join us at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, Kansas, for the first of several 50th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, April 27. See the bulletin board for details.

YOU ARE INVITED to join local artist Jesse Graber, authors Bob Gress and Pete Janzen, *The Kansas Guide to Birds and Birding Hot Spots*, and musicians from The Book of Jebb, at Faith & Life Bookstore during Newton’s annual Art and Music on Main, Thursday April 24 from 6-9pm.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

- * **Stewardship Workshop:** Lynn Miller will lead a workshop at Shalom Mennonite Church April 26, 8am to noon on *The Power of Enough*.
- * Volunteer opportunity at **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**.
- * **KAUFFMAN MUSEUM** program April 20. Information posted.
- * **PEACE CONNECTION:** April 25, Ann Schowalter leading workshop: Your Life is a Story. Details posted.
- * **JOB OPENINGS:** Administrative Assistant Shalom Mennonite Church.
General Manager, EtCetra Shop, Newton.

Peace, lived out in us.

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” - *Luke 1:79*