

June 15, 2008

The Harvest is plentiful but . . .

"Indeed, the whole earth is mine . . ." --Exodus 19:5b

Gathering our Praise

PRELUDE Jerry Toews

CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Elaine Schroeder

Leader: Come laborers. The harvest is plentiful and the harvest is ripe!

People: We are God's laborers. Fathers, mothers, children, singles, young and old.

Leader: We are invited to join God in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to the entire world.

People: Sometimes we are ready and willing.

Sometimes we are tired and make excuses.

Leader: Come laborers, whether many or few, and ask the Lord of the harvest to send you out into his harvest.

All: We hear Your call O God and we are ready to work and worship today.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Sing to the Lord of harvest"* No. 98

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the welcome pads

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Sheri Schmidt

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FROM ROMANS 5:1-8

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Leader: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,

**People: and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,**

Leader: and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has
been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that
has been given to us.

People: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Leader: Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though
perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

All: But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

SPECIAL MUSIC Laura and Elaine Unruh

"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart"

HEARING OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 19:2-8a*

SONG “*Obey my voice*” No. 163

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

SERMON “*Getting All Harvesters Ready*” Corey Miller

Responding To God’s Word

IMAGE “*Concrete Jesus*” from Salley Margenthaler’s “Digital Glass”

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG “*I love to tell the story*” No. 398

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

The wheat fields around us tell us that the harvest looks plentiful. In God’s spiritual kingdom, the harvest also is plentiful but the workers are few. What will we do about the harvest all around us? May we ask the Lord of the harvest to send out us to the fields.

We welcome all of you to our time of worship! This morning you were greeted by Lewis, Carrie & Jason Unruh and Bill, Sherry, Anna & Leah Unruh.

Please take time to fill out our friendship pads. Come back and join us again.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Paul and Norma Graber’s 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 14. Congratulations!

Anna Unruh is providing childcare in the nursery during worship.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. All adults meet in the sanctuary as we welcome John Gaeddert, one of Tabor’s former pastors, who will be sharing *Spirituality in Wood*. Children will meet in the library and then in the South Sunday school rooms in the basement.

Pastor Doug is in Clinton, Oklahoma offering leadership to the WDC Walk-A-Mile Youth Service/Learning Event this weekend.

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.

CARDS for the Schmidt’s: In the foyer are a two large cards that we all are invited to sign (or draw on) to show our love and well wishes to Fred and Brenda. One card will be for Fred and the other will be for Brenda. We hope to get the cards to them tomorrow.

Today is the official opening date of the "Driving through Time" temporary exhibit at **Mennonite Heritage Museum**, with a car show as a special feature. In conjunction with the exhibit opening, the museum will hold a silent auction on Marie and Martha Voth's wheat marquetry depiction of Lee's Hi-Way Service.

This Week

Tuesday, June 17

Noon—Goessel/Peabody/Walton lunch bunch at the Agape Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Bill Unruh's home.

Thursday, June 19

7:00 p.m.—Prayer and Envisioning Team meeting.

Next Sunday, June 22

9:30 a.m.—The theme will be "*We do see Jesus.*" The texts are I Kings 17:8-16, Hebrews 2:5-9 and Joe and Anna Sawaksy will be preaching. We will receive a **love offering** for Joe and Anna Sawatzky following the Sunday school hour. Checks should be made out to Tabor Mennonite Church and designate your checks to Joe and Anna.

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

We look forward to having Joe and Anna Sawatzky share about their experiences with Mennonite Mission Network in Mthatha, South Africa.

Noon—We will be combining our noon **potluck celebration** with Joe and Anna with a **grocery shower** for Brad and Megan Kohlman. Please bring nonperishable grocery items that Brad and Megan will find useful as they begin their life together.

7:00 p.m.—Are you looking for a way to cool off as the weather gets warmer? Well we have the answer for you! Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship will be having an **Ice Cream Social** in the park. We are having this fundraiser to help raise money for our service trip to Montana in July. Please bring lawn chairs and come out for a great evening of ice cream and fellowship!

Announcements

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our VBS offering. Our total for the Fresno Boys and Girls Club was \$902.68! We also want to thank everyone who donated snacks, Grabers Hardware for donating supplies, and Terry Holtz for creating memory verse posters for the week. The week was a great success!

Bulletin Board Letter: On the bulletin board is a letter from Joe and Anna Sawatzky, our mission partners from South Africa who will be speaking to us next Sunday. The letter chronicles the story of **Simelwe Dlova**, a young bright adult that is in the process of trying to go to Goshen College to get an education. Please read the letter and if you are inspired to support Sim, then make that known to the International Student Scholarship Committee or to Joe and Anna. All information is on the bulletin board.

It is CROP Drive time again. Farmers, if you have wheat to donate to CROP, please fill out the CROP envelope. If you wish to give cash, make the check payable to MCC and designate it to CROP. Return envelopes to Rudy Schmidt. Envelopes are in your mail boxes today.

Share Your Garden Produce! There will be a table in the Food Pantry room where anyone can bring their garden produce to share and anyone may take some home. Just leave a small donation that will help the Food Pantry Ministry. Contact Nancy Miller if you have questions.

There are many lonely **containers in the church kitchen** that would like to go home. Please pick them up today. They might find a new home if not picked up soon.

Western District Conference: Packets of material have been sent to all WDC and SCC churches with information related to the theme of the annual joint delegate session, scheduled for June 27-28 at Hesston College and Hesston Mennonite Church. These materials, designed for use on June 29, will supplement the development of the conference theme: "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One," based on Acts 4:31-35. All are encouraged to make use of these materials as we focus on common mission and ministries. ***If you would like to serve as a delegate for Tabor, there are four more spots open in addition to the eight persons who will be serving. Call the church office to volunteer.***

A CaringBridge site has opened to keep people up to date on **Ruth Buller**. Ruth had a cancerous brain tumor removed two weeks ago. CaringBridge is a nonprofit organization that helps friends and families stay connected. You can visit Ruth's CaringBridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ruthbuller>. Ruth is married to WDC pastor Eric Buller.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network: Families, caregivers, service providers, pastors, church members, and friends of persons with disabilities are all invited to reflect on how communities of faith can include persons with disabilities in their ministries. Come listen to and dialogue with Paul Leichty, Executive Director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, at the Mennonite Church of the Servant (1650 N. Fairview, Wichita) at 7:30 pm, Thursday June 26th. For more information, call (316) 260-9095 or (316) 871-8306.

Peace, lived out in us.

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come.
You are our center, daylight or darkness,
Freedom or prison, you are our home.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
- *From the hymnal supplement, "Sing the Journey"*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked.

"Janie, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."