

July 6, 2008

## Being Yoked with Christ

*"Take my yoke upon you . . . and you will find rest for your souls."* --Matthew 11:29

### Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE     Marcene Entz

WELCOME     Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

**People: The Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
God's greatness is unsearchable.

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE     *"Jesus Christ, God's only Son"*     No. 40

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE     *"Holy, holy, holy!"*     No. 120

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY     Janna Duerksen

### Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING     *Genesis 6:1-4*     Bonnie Janzen

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE     *"If the war goes on"*     Back

MESSAGE     *"Not by heroes or giants"*     Karen Andres  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

RESPONSE/PRAYER     *Pledging our allegiance to Christ*     No. 742

I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ,  
And to God's kingdom for which he died,  
One Spirit-led people the world over, indivisible,  
With love and justice for all.

-J. Nelson Kraybill, June Alliman Yoder

# Responding To God's Word

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"Strong, righteous man of Galilee"*      No. 540

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SENDING SONG      *"Come unto me"*      West Coast Mennonite Chamber Choir

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus invites those who know they are burdened and in need of salvation to be yoked with him. What does it mean to be yoked with Christ? The "easy" yoke of Jesus is not an invitation to a life of ease, but of deliverance from the artificial burdens we put on ourselves. May God's word bring rest for our souls today.

We welcome all of you to our time of worship! This morning you were greeted by Harlin & Doris Unruh and Bob & Erlene Unruh. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Sara Hiebert is providing childcare in the nursery during worship.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Adults will meet in the sanctuary to hear reports of what our Tabor delegates experienced last weekend at Western District Conference held at Hesston College. We are especially excited to have Dorothy Nickel Friesen's annual "state of the church" address on DVD with us this morning. It will be a great time of information and inspiration. Children will meet in the library and then in the South Sunday school rooms in the basement.

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.

Pastor Karen will be leaving today for Elkhart, IN where she will be taking a seminary class at AMBS and will return on July 18.

The Millers will be returning from South Dakota on Monday.

## Next Sunday, July 13

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will begin our journey together in reflecting on the Road Signs of Mennonite Church USA. The theme will be "*God's People Then & Now*" and the texts are II Chronicles 34-36, II Kings 22-25, and Galatians 3 and Corey will be preaching. If you are able, you are encouraged to purchase a copy of *Road Signs for the Journey*, by Conrad Kanagy, available at the Faith and Life Bookstore in Newton.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Adults meet in the sanctuary. Jerry and Leann Toews will be showing pictures from the Mennonite History Trip they took to Russia in 2004, including most of the Molutchna Villages. If you have low German blood, please check your genealogies and find which villages your ancestors came from. Children meet in the library, then the South rooms in the basement to learn about Russia as well.

## Announcements

A big **Thank You** to the Tabor Church for the nice flower arrangement we received in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Also thank you for the many cards and well wishes we received. We praise God for the many blessings we have received in our 50 year together. -Norma & Paul Graber

**Congregational Sharing List:** Several people have talked to me about what they could write down on the "Sharing List" that was initiated last Sunday. I would reiterate that these items should not be clothing, nor items that you don't want anymore. They are to be items that you own, and you would be willing to lend them to a member for a short period of time or for a specific task. An example would be a ladder or an electric home made ice cream maker. The box in the foyer will remain there for another week and then I will compile a master list that will be placed on the bulletin board. May God unite us in this faith practice and surround us with great grace! (Acts 4:32-25). - Pastor Corey

**Young Adults!** Reserve your seat at the boil! Tickets are free, but you get a 50 % discount if you send Bill an email (bill\_unruh@yahoo.com) by 11:59 p.m. tonight saying you're coming. Those who do not RSVP but still show up will be seated in a place of honor at Deacon Bill's Boil Bash, July 13, 6:30 p.m. at Bill and Sherry Unruh's home.

**It is CROP Drive time again.** Farmers, if you have wheat to donate to CROP, please fill out the CROP envelope. Anyone wishing to give cash, make the check payable to MCC and designate it to CROP. Return envelopes to Rudy Schmidt.

**The Willing Helpers** will have a work day at the MCC Center in North Newton on Wednesday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come work and should bring a sack lunch.

**Share Your Garden Produce!** There is 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.

**All Tabor Ladies:** If you would like to subscribe to Timbrel, a magazine published for Mennonite Women USA, NOW is the time. Those of you who have a renewal due will have a note in you mail boxes. My deadline for renewals and new subscriptions is July 15 (although you may have a new subscription at any time.) Please make your payment to Willing Helpers and return to Barb Banman. Our group rate is as follows: 1 year is \$12.00, 2 years \$22.00 and 3 years \$30.00.

**A Network of Christian Educators:** The Grapevine Resource Group is a way for those concerned about congregational Christian education to share, network and learn from each other. Anyone is welcome: Sunday school teachers, superintendents, parents, pastors, Christian education committees and Wednesday night coordinators. The next meeting will be Thursday July 10, 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. We will again explore different possibilities for Mid-week children's curriculum programming and scheduling. Come to listen, learn and share. Marlene Bogard is planner/facilitator; for information, contact her at: 316-283-6300; [mbogard@mennowdc.org](mailto:mbogard@mennowdc.org).

**Camp Mennoscah:** Get ready, all you Work & Play and MennoFolk campers! The Work & Play and MennoFolk on the Prairie camps are coming up in September and October, and we want you to join us. See the 2008 Camp Mennoscah catalog for more information or contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org). We still have room for campers at some of our camps and would love to have you and a friend join us. Call for availability.

**The Hopi Mission School** in Kykotsmovi, Ariz., is in need of certified teachers for the coming school year. If you or someone you know is a Christian educator willing to serve with MVS in this unique location, apply immediately at [Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://Service.MennoniteMission.net).

**Helmut Isaak, brother of Mennonite martyr Cornelius Isaak,** will be in Newton, July 2 to commemorate

the 50th anniversary of his brother's death. Kornelius was a Paraguayan Mennonite missionary killed during an exploratory visit among the Moro indigenous people in 1958. Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N Anderson in Newton, will be hosting a story-telling program at 7:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

See the bulletin board for more information.

**Peace, lived out in us.**

"Much violence is based on the illusion that life is a property to be defended and not to be shared."

—Henri Nouwen