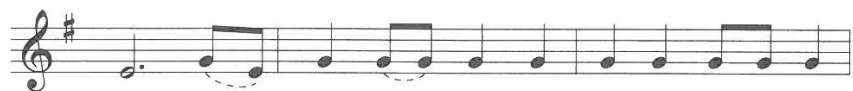


You've got a place

Irregular



1 You've got a place at the wel - come ta - ble,
 2 We're goin' to feast on milk and hon - ey,
 3 We'll give thanks at the wel - come ta - ble,
 4 We'll come home to the wel - come ta - ble,



you've got a place at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these
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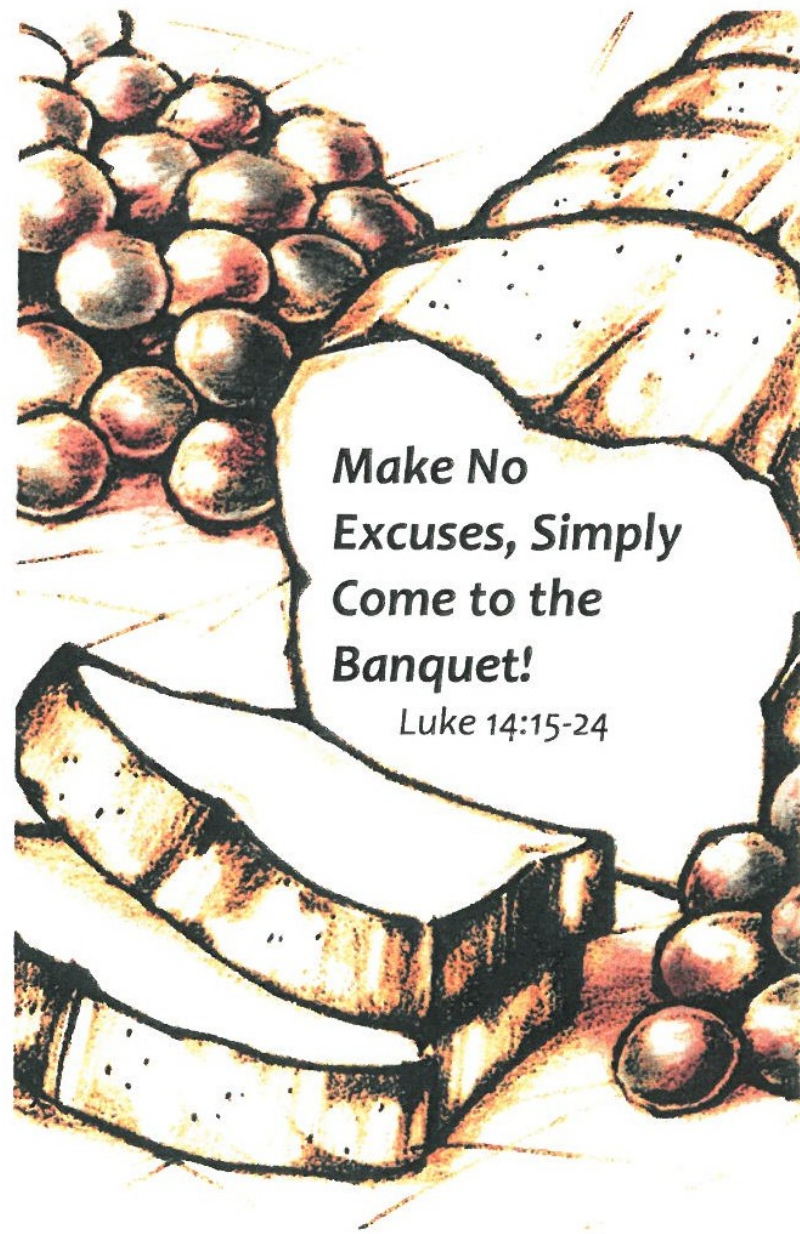
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 home to the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.

Text: traditional spiritual
 Music: traditional spiritual

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**Make No
 Excuses, Simply
 Come to the
 Banquet!**

Luke 14:15-24

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 24, 2011

Offering = \$4,116.82
 Attendance = 268

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As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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Make No Excuses, Come to the Banquet

"Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." -Luke 14:22

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Fred Schmidt

Leader: God you are the Giver of the Feast.

People: You call everyone to the banquet.

Leader: Make no excuses.

People: Come!

Leader: Neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters,

People: Come!

Leader: Those who need an outstretched hand,

People: Come!

Leader: All the images of God are assembled here.

All: Let us worship together. Come!

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE No. 6
"Here in this place"

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE No. 51
"Let the whole creation cry"

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR OFFERINGS

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC Kathleen Bair
"Nearer, My God, to Thee"
and Dorothy Unruh; Pianist, Marcene Entz

Timbrel magazine, published for Mennonite Women USA is available to all ladies. Tabor has a group rate that you may be a part of and this gives you a reduced rate. Rates are 1 yr. for \$13.00, 2 yr. for \$24.00 and 3 yr. for \$33.00. Those with renewals due this year have received a notice in your mailbox. Please make checks out to Willing Helpers and place in Barb Banman's mailbox by August 1.

CROP: Mennonite Central Committee continues to work in partnership with CROP to eliminate hunger around the world. Return donation forms to Harlin Unruh by next Sunday with MCC designated in the memo line of your check.

Open House Today: Celebrate the completion of the House Against Hunger at 543 S Lorraine, Wichita. Sunday, July 31 from 2-4.

Mennonite Central Committee has committed \$1 million dollars to respond to the drought and humanitarian crisis taking place in East Africa. In order for us to fulfill our commitment to our partners in East Africa we need your help. The situation in East Africa is not making headline news in the US but there are still over 11 million people affected by the drought. See flyer in mailboxes today for more information.

Sharing Peace

"There is enough for everyone's need,
but not for everyone's greed"

—Mohandas Gandhi



On the Bulletin Boards:

★ **Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum:**

—Threshing days is August 5, 6 and 7.

—Activities and demonstrations posted.

★ **AMBS Great Plains Extension** seminary courses for Fall. Registration deadline August 8.

★ **Camp Mennoscah** Young Adult Retreat August 6-7

★ **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Mennonite Disaster Service** updates

Dear Tabor Mennonite Friends.

The events of the past several weeks have been a whirlwind for our family, but God has been present with us in so many ways. We thank you so much for a very good, good bye that we felt we just experienced with you all. The events of last Sunday's farewell activities was truly a blessing to our whole family. The kind notes and cards you wrote, the incredible generosity of the love offering, the surprising gift of the Caring Quilt, the words of blessing, the power point pictures, and then that special Sunday evening with great chicken, music, fellowship, stories (and even some rain), were all such wonderful and enriching experiences for us. Yes, there were (and are) tears, but there was also blessing and releasing and that has enabled us to head out to our new adventure in Iowa.

Thank you again for the gift of the past 13 years. You are all treasured friends and fellow servants of Christ. I do look forward to when our paths will cross again. I wish you all God's richest blessings.

In Christ's Love,
Corey, Nancy, Hannah, Rachel

Announcements

Discernment of Deacons: On August 9, the deacons will be hosting an exploratory meeting on what it means to be a deacon at Tabor. A number of persons have been invited to join them to listen, ask questions, and discuss this role within our congregation. Some of these have been nudged through the discernment process in prior years. Others are exploring this opportunity for the first time. Your prayers are welcome as we use this time to be open to God's spirit working in our lives, and as persons consider whether God might be calling them to this role in the future.

Education Commitment Forms: There are extra forms on the table in the foyer if you have not had the opportunity to volunteer for the ministries of the education committee. Please return forms today to the box provided .

The Church Council meeting has been moved to August 17.

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.

Willing Helpers: Please place your summer offerings in Barb Banman's mailbox.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:16-24

Kellen Froese

SERMON

"Are You Inviting? There's Still Room!"

Bill Froese

Responding to the Spirit

RESPONSE HYMN

"Come to the Banquet"

by Doug Krehbiel

Congregation join in chorus: Come to the Banquet
Don't make an excuse;
Come to the Banquet
A feast is waiting for you.

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN

"You've got a place"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

The Banquet, which is the gift of eternal life from God is free. It is an invitation by grace, but the acceptance carries with it the responsibility of discipleship.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Willis and Thelma Goerzen and Steve and Bonnie Janzen.

Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders. A special welcome is extended to all visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the back of the friendship card and place it in the offering bag.

Childcare is provided by Carrie Friesen in the nursery during the worship service.



*Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Today Continued

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the fellowship hall. Topic: *Food and Justice*: Becky Nickel from Prairie Harvest will share. Children K-5 meet in room 13, preschool children rooms 11-12.

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

Tuesday, August 2

No Hesston Lunch Bunch—will resume in September.

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, August 3

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness.

7:00 p.m.—Education Committee.

Thursday, August 4

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch.

Next Sunday, August 7

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday our Mission Partners, Joe and Anna Sawatzky from South Africa will be leading the worship service.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the fellowship hall. Children K-5 meet in room 13, preschool children rooms 11-12. Sawatzky's will be sharing.

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, July 24.

- ★ Carol Duerksen expressed the joy of seeing many exchange students as they traveled to Europe and to remember those killed in the violence in Norway.
- ★ Marie Unruh (who returned from England) shared her joy of returning and looks forward to sharing about her Radical Journey service experiences in August.
- ★ Michael Unruh (returning from service in Fresno) expressed his joy being at Tabor and will spend the next two weeks at Camp Mennoscah as counselor.

Happenings:

- ★ Nine Tabor members served as delegates at WDC this weekend: Pastor Karen, Carol Duerksen, Gayle Funk, James Goerzen, Rosie Jantz, Carrie and Lewis Unruh, Bill Voth and Myron Voth.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt was given to the Miller's last Sunday as a farewell gift. A new caring quilt is being made at this time. The Children's Caring Quilt is home.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Pastor Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel as they begin life in Iowa.
- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for our WDC Assembly – for inspiration received, for lessons learned, and for guidance given. Pray that our vision would be fruitfully lived out to:
 - Witness** and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ,
 - Dwell** in just and loving relationships, and
 - Connect** to God's mission in the world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for hope, strength and resources for members of the Mennonite Church in Japan, and for Mission Network personnel as they live out Jesus' way of peace and love in responding to those who continue to suffer from March's triple tragedy of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear radiation.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for a new Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) Study Center at Arca de Salvacion Mennonite Church in Fort Myers, Fla. Pray for the students as they study their first course, "Introduction to the Bible." May God grant wisdom and patience to the tutor, Osvin De Leon, as he leads them in their weekly meetings. Pray that this leadership training ministry be the beginning of many blessings for their congregation and community.