

April 22, 2007

***“It is the Lord”***

*“That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ ” -John 21:7a*

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Youth Worship Team

WELCOME Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, in all times and for all things:

**People: the soft slant of sunlight, the evening breeze,  
the sweat of labor, a sweet song to lighten the heart;**

Leader: the deep breath, the tended wound, mercy, quietness, a friend:

**People: for the miracles of the daily  
and the mysteries of the eternal.**

Leader: When you seem hidden from our eyes,

**People: and when we feel you near,**

**All: Praise; praise be to you for the amazing grace  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Praising God

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Praise him, praise him!”* No. 100  
Diana Schmidt, pianist

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“This is the day the Lord has made”* No. 642

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S STORY Ilona Abrahams

Proclaiming God’s Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 30*

SPECIAL MUSIC *“On My Knees”* Janessa & Lindsey Wedel

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL *John 21:1-14*

SERMON *“The Hidden One Revealed”* Karen Andres

## Responding to God's Word

\*SONG OF RESPONSE                      *"We walk by faith"*                      No. 570

### CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

*Lord we give you our thanks*                      -**"Thanks be to God"**  
*Lord we pray to you*                                      -**"Hear our prayer"**

\*SENDING SONG                              *"Guide my feet"*                              No. 546

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

John 21 gives us a glimpse of how the disciples responded to Jesus after his hidden presence was revealed. What were they to do with this resurrected Lord? Jesus continued to provide for their physical needs. God's gift is available in the risen Jesus just as it was in the incarnate Jesus. May the fullness of Christ's presence be revealed in your life today.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Ben Schmidt and Warren, Sheri, Mark & Joshua Schmidt. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

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.

Please stay after the worship service for a short congregational meeting to conduct a vote to extend an invitation to Corey for another 3 year term.

**10:45a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Return to the Earth class will meet in the sanctuary.

**COREY AND NANCY** are having a personal retreat this weekend. The WDC pastor/spouse retreat was supposed to be this weekend in Oklahoma but it was cancelled due to low registrations. Corey and Nancy decided to have a retreat nonetheless. They will return home this evening.

**KANSAS MENNONITE MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT:** TODAY, 7pm Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg. Offerings for MCC.

## This Week

### Wednesday, April 25

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**—FaithWeaver Friends, Youth Explorers, TGYF

Faithweaver Friends and Youth Explorers will have their Annual Pine Car Race. All family and friends are welcome. We will have snacks and drinks after the race. The kids can come early to weigh their cars.

### Saturday, April 28

**8:30-11:30 a.m.**—**GIFT DISCERNMENT WORKSHOP:** Brenda Glanzer Lilliston and Brian Stucky will be leading a workshop on Gifts Discernment within a congregation. These consultants have offered this workshop many times and have many insights to offer. We are inviting the whole church to attend this event. There is no cost, but you need to sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

## Next Sunday, April 22

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme is “The Road to Emmaus.” The text are Psalm 25, I Corinthians 5:6-8 and Luke 24:13-35 and Corey will be preaching.

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

## Announcements

### **MCC RELIEF SALE RESULTS AND INFORMATION:**

Any 5K runners that were not able to attend the run due to the weather PLEASE put the money you collected in an envelope and put it in Jerry Toews box as soon as possible. After a VERY wet and snowy start on Friday night with numbers way down; the sun came out early on Saturday morning and the bidding at the auctions was very strong. Our soggy Friday night spirits were turned into jubilation as the opening loaf of bread sold for \$5500 Saturday morning. Three quilts sold for \$5000 or more. The entire quilt auction totaled \$30,000 more than last year at \$127,000. The general auction totaled \$9,000 more than last year to finish at \$44,000. Coins brought in over \$31,000. The entire auction total was up about \$20,000 over last year to finish at \$389,000.

. . . Tabor contributions were MANY and we thank ALL of you for the many ways you continue to support the Kansas MCC Sale. Tabor furniture items brought in over \$2,000. The bookcase that the Youth Explorers built brought \$365. The quilt that Kim Funk pieced and Alice Funk quilted brought \$2,500. The quilt that Nola Schmidt made brought \$3,500. Our Kansas MCC Sale Board met with the National Board who visited the sale this year. One of their comments was that the Kansas Sale had some of the highest quality and largest number of quilts of any of the sales.

—Jerry Toews

*(THANKS JERRY, LEANN, ARCHIE AND KRIS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!)*

**THANK YOU TABOR MENNONITE!** We greatly appreciate all the participants in this year's Run for Relief, both those who ran or walked and also those of you who sponsored them through your donations. It was inspiring to see so many of you who came to take part in spite of the snow! The Tabor total of \$2,859 is such a gift to MCC's work. We celebrate with you in your accomplishment & are truly grateful for your efforts!

-The Run For Relief Committee

**ANNUAL SPRING WORK DAY:** Set aside Saturday, May 5 to come out to help at Tabor's Spring work day. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for those who want an early start, but come anytime throughout the morning. There will be something for everyone to do inside and out—from yard work to cleaning windows to polishing woodwork to cleaning the kitchen . . .

**THE WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** is asking for the help of one more person to serve on the funeral committee for Tabor Church. This committee plays an extremely important role in the ministry of our church by offering hospitality, healing, and hope to families dealing with the loss of a loved one. The time together around the table can be a very healing time for these families. If you feel this is something you could help with, please contact Nathan Ashley and let him know. On another note, if anyone can help out with funerals by **baking a cake** for the funeral, and have not volunteered on the commitment sheet already, please let Nathan know.

**TABLE STORIES:** Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. Salad supper for all women and girls. Enjoy a meal at a uniquely decorated table and hear the stories about each table's decorations or collections. Different women have been asked to decorate a dinner table for the evening in their own style, with a collection that they might have or any theme

they wish. Come and see and eat at one of the tables. There will even be a special table that little girls will love. PLEASE BRING A SALAD FOR THE MEAL AND SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. If you have questions ask Karen or Nancy.

**WDC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** If your junior high youth group (6th-8th grades) is looking for a summer event, don't overlook the weekend of July 27-29 when the annual WDC/SCC joint delegate sessions are scheduled in Tulsa, OK. Sara Dick, youth pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, is giving leadership to a variety of activities designed for fun, fellowship and inspiration.

**CAMP MENNOSCAH:** Campers, the catalogs have been mailed, the cabins have been cleaned, the river is running, and the grounds are ready - are you? The 2007 summer camping season is just around the corner and we are ready for you to come! Look for the catalogs in the mail, at your church, or on the WDC website. Sign up early to receive the week of your choice. See you at camp!

We are preparing for the summer camping season and looking for **volunteers** (men too!) to help in the ministry of feeding the children that come to summer camp. If you like to cook, bake or otherwise hang around the kitchen, contact the camp to reserve your week.

**AGAPE FUNDRAISER:** Everyone is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship at the Goessel Senior Center on Friday, April 27. A barbeque pork supper catered by Bob and Connie Boese will be served at 6:00 p.m.

This fundraiser will feature music by Ann Dunn, violinist and Wanda Ratzlaff, pianist. Cost is by your generous donation. Call 620-367-2275 to make your reservations to support the GSC.

**INVITATION:** Daughters of Grace, the women's organization of Alexanderwohl, would like to invite anyone interested in scrapbooking to join our group for a Scrapbook Roundup. It will be held Friday, April 27, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall. All cowgirls need to bring their own supplies. Please RSVP to Sandy Duerksen (367-2351) by Tuesday, April 24. Hope you all can come now!

**GOESSEL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (GWCA)** annual Spring Tea will take place Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m., in the High School Auditorium. The GHS Family and Consumer Science Department, under the direction of Ruth Goertzen, Teacher/Advisor, will give the program. There will also be an Installation of GWCA Officers for the 2007-2008 year. All women and girls of the community are cordially invited. A special invite to the 8th grade girls and their mothers.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Roland Dirksen will be held on April 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the Goessel Mennonite Church with a faspas following the service.

#### **ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

Invitation to the **Pastoral Ministries graduation** celebration at Hesston College. Merle Christner is one of the graduates.

**Thank you** from Lillie M. Stewart, one of the individuals that was helped by the individuals who participated in the **Texas Service Trip**.

**Camp Mennoscah** see posted information for the following:

> *The Good Ole Days* is this year's theme for Retirees' Relaxation Retreat to be held April 23-25.

> *The Just fOr You (JOY)* retreat is May 27-28. Focus: friendship with God and each other. Registration forms posted.

> Two *volunteers* for a two year commitment to fill the positions of

1) full-time Maintenance/ Grounds Assistant

2) full-time Food Service Manager/Office Assistant

Volunteers will be part of the Hutchinson MVS unit. See details.

*Mission and Congregational Life*: a class by Keith Harder offered by **AMBS-Great Plains Extension**, June 11-22. See poster.

**Bethel College Alumni Banquet**, May 19, 6pm, Memorial Hall. Reservation deadline May 9. Cost \$16. Details posted.

**Peace Connections** book study: *Coming Back to Life* by Joanna Macy, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 10-11:30 am., 612 Main in Newton.

**Earth Day Adventure Walk**, April 22, 2-4 pm. Meet at the Sand Creek Trailhead on the Bethel College campus. Sponsored by Kauffman Museum. Details are posted.

**Benefit for KIPCOR's** Community Mediation Center. Full dinner with entertainment by Arthur Marks. Reservations are required by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ticket prices and details posted.

Information about membership with **Mennonite Association of Retired Persons**.

**Newsletter Items are due on Monday, April 23**

***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life***

. . . Whatever we do counts. If we do not serve what coheres and endures, we serve what disintegrates and destroys. - *Wendell Berry*