

May 6, 2007

***“You are Witnesses”***

*“... we are witnesses to these things.” -Acts 5:32*

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Nate Stucky

WELCOME Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us praise God, who promises us  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

**People: Let us praise our resurrected Christ,  
who is present with us in trial and rejoicing.**

Leader: Let us praise the Spirit, who encourages us  
in the struggle for justice and peace.

**People: We sing together in thanksgiving to the one God,  
and we witness to God’s greatness throughout all time!**

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Praise him, praise him”* No. 100

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Come, we that love the Lord”* No. 14

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

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S STORY Kim Funk

Proclaiming God’s Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 43:8-12* Doug Krehbiel

1. Kum Ba Yah Join in singing

2. Someone’s witnessing

3. Someone’s listening

PRAYER

May neither pride of race nor hardness of heart make us despise any for  
whom Christ died or injure any in whom Christ lives; through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD *Acts 5: 27-32*

SPECIAL MUSIC Kristin Unruh

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:36-49*

SERMON *“Witnesses to These Things”* Corey Miller



## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Stewardship Commission as it prepares the spending plan for 2008 to present to delegates at Tulsa this summer--that all the resources might be wisely shared.

Mennonite Mission Network: The first Sunday in May each year, Benin Bible Institute highlights its training programs on "BBI Sunday" in the Mennonite churches in Benin. Mennonite Mission Network workers Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey request prayer that this year the churches will again respond positively and generously to BBI.

Mennonite Education Agency: About 175 students will participate in commencement exercises at Hesston College this morning. Pray for them as they pursue next steps in their lives. May they be open to God's leading.

## Announcements

**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.

**SPRING TEA:** All ladies are invited to the Ladies Spring Tea at the Goessel Senior Center May 8 - 2 p.m. Linda Ewert will be the speaker. No reservations needed.

**MCC RELIEF SALE ANNUAL MEETING:** Everyone is invited to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on Tuesday, May 15, at South Hutchinson Mennonite Church. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person which is payable at the door. Please RSVP by May 10 to Jerry and Leann Toews or Archie and Kristin Schmidt.

**WDC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Many of you know Pastor Lawrence Hart, Cheyenne Peace Chief from Clinton, OK, and Raylene Hinz-Penner, Professor of English at Washburn University in Topeka, KS who has written a book reflective of both their life stories. You can hear them on Sunday, July 29, at the concluding worship service of the joint annual WDC/SCC delegate sessions in Tulsa, OK - sure to be an informational and inspiring time.

**CELEBRATE WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY** on Saturday, May 12 from 9:30-5:30 at Ten Thousand Villages in Newton. We will be highlighting the importance of fair trade in the world today and the impact it has on artisan's lives. Join us for henna painting at 2:00 and African drumming from 3:00-5:00. We will also have international goodies for sampling, along with other fun activities.

### **CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

Registrations are already coming in for the 2007 camping season and the camps are starting to fill up. Please send in your registrations soon in order to be placed in the camp you want! *All those attending camps (Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain) please sign up on the bulletin board to receive a \$20 scholarship from the Linda Voth memorial camp scholarship fund.*

The Just fOr You (JOY) retreat (for those with disabilities) is coming around the bend Memorial Day weekend. Brochures are at your church or you may contact the camp.

Camp Mennoscah has two special needs at this time. Last year we helped many children come to camp, who would not have been able to otherwise, using our Camp Scholarship Fund. We need help restoring the fund so we can help other children this year. Please pray to see if God is leading you towards giving to this fund and helping a child attend camp.

We also need volunteer assistant cooks. If you can spend a week at camp helping in the kitchen, please let us know. It's a great way to see God's beauty touching the lives of our children. Contact Joyce Pankratz, director, at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for further information or questions on any of the above announcements.

**PEACE CONNECTIONS** is excited to host singer, songwriter, & community choir organizer/director Sara Thomsen, of South Range, WI. Everyone is invited for a concert, Sat., June, 2, 7 pm, at the Bethel College Ad. Bldg. Chapel (offering for PC), and to the community sing & worship service, Sun., June 3, 10:45 am, Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E. 1st, Newton. If you are interested in joining the community choir which Sara will be coordinating for the Sun. worship service, please come at 9:30 am to practice. Everyone is also invited to share in a pot-luck meal after the service. Following lunch, Sara will talk about forming Echoes of Peace, a community choir singing for peace in Duluth, MN, and offer ideas on starting a similar venture here. Questions? 316-284-0000 or [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org)

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

Newsletter from **Chuck & Joy Goertzen** serving with Campus Crusades.

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

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

We can be reconciled to life in its severest aspects if we are confident that the disasters are not meaningless, and that the valley can be made a place of springs.

- *Charles Allen Dinsmore*