

May 20, 2007
Ascension Sunday

"This Jesus . . . will come in the same way as you saw him go . . ." -Acts 1:11

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Cross Road

WELCOME Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

People: We behold his glory!

***ALL: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.***

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"All hail the power of Jesus' name"* No. 106

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Rejoice, the Lord is king!"* No. 288

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

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY Karen Andres

BLESSING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Doug Krehbiel

Proclaiming God's Word

*HEARING THE GOSPEL PRAYER *John 17:13-20*

SPECIAL MUSIC Nate Stucky

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Acts 1:1-11*

SERMON *"Movin' on Up!"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

SONG *"Here I am, Lord"* No. 395

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

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

Lord we pray to you **-*"Hear our prayer"***

*SENDING SONG *"Zephaniah 3:17"* No. 133CS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

On this Ascension Day, we remember how Jesus gave his disciples instructions and then rose up to heaven. He was Movin' on Up and he expected his disciples to do the same. As we gather with our graduates this morning, we want to bless them and challenge them to keep moving up in God's Kingdom.

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Carrie, Lewis, Jason & Michael Unruh and Diane & Fred Unruh. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

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

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

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship Committee Meeting in the library.

—TGYF

Next Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The texts are Psalm 97, Acts 16:16-34, John 17:13-26 and Corey will be preaching. We will also be baptizing three young people who are professing their allegiance to Jesus. Come and celebrate the Spirit's movement in our midst!

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

7:30 p.m.—Memorial service at the Goessel Mennonite Cemetery

Announcements

COMING SOON! 30 DAYS OF GENEROSITY: Money doesn't buy happiness, or... does it? Discuss this issue and others relating to money, stewardship, finances during the 30 Days of Generosity Study June 3 - July 1. This study is open to all adults, youth and junior youth and will take place in the fellowship hall around tables. Materials will be provided.

LUNCH BUNCH: Goessel/Peabody/Walton lunch Bunch will meet on May 31 not May 24 from 12-1pm at the Goessel AGAPE center. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Nancy Schmidt will be catering the meal.

RESPONDING TO GREENSBURG:

Opportunities to help still abound for us. It seems that there are adequate supplies so money probably helps the most. If you want to contribute to the Greensburg Mennonite Church, you may send your check to Mennonite Church USA, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114. Earmark the check for Greensburg Mennonite Church. *Or Donations* designated for "May 2007 Kansas Storms" may be sent to MDS, 1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501, or sent to Kansas MDS Unit, Gerald Selzer, 249 S. Weaver Ave., Hesston, KS 67062. Funds will be used for volunteer labor, and forwarded to the MDS Kansas Unit to help in rebuilding and recovery. Volunteers are encouraged to contact

their congregational contact person for information on serving, or call Marvin Penner at (985) 291-1296. Please contact Marvin Penner before coming in order to expedite the process of helping with cleanup and repair.

There has been interest in going to Greensburg next Saturday (May 26th). If you are interested, talk to Jim Schmidt and he may help coordinate a trip next Saturday. At any time, you can contact Jim Schmidt our Mennonite Disaster Service representative or call Melvin Miller, 620-538-2867.

"SONG ON THE LAWN" is coming Sunday June 3! Featuring live music by; Brother and Sisters (the Woelk family), Lighthouse Quartet (Joel Suderman, Lowell Jost, Ken Koslowsky, Reno Penner and Carla Koslowsky – accompanist), Cross Road (Gospel group from Tabor Church), Bill Froese with Brian Voth, The Master's Trail Hands (Marlo Duerksen, Sid Ratzlaff, DeWayne Voth, Johnny Hiebert and Leda Graybill-accompanist), and One Way Up (Jesse Goertzen and Chris Voth). This event will take place at WillowSpring Downs (Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp farm). Supper (pork sandwiches and ice-cream) will be served starting at 5:00pm. Donation accepted to benefit JOYFUL NOISE COMMUNITY CHILD CARE. We hope to see you all there!

WDC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

"Speak Lord! Habla Señor!" is the theme of the joint summer assembly of Western District and South Central Conferences. Based on I Samuel 3, speakers, music, and drama will focus on hearing God's voice. We at Tabor can be a part of the conference--via video clips. How has God spoken to us? How are we hearing God's voice and following it? We are invited to send short clips of people (pastors, youth, young adults) who answer those questions in 3-minute (or so) interviews. If you are interested, please contact Corey and we'll get you taped! God is doing amazing things at Tabor - we need to share that good news! These need to be done by July 1.

Is our Healthcare system broken? Will COMB survive? Do we have a voice? At the MC USA San Jose '07 assembly our delegates will be asked to make several key decisions concerning health care access and vote on a new Healthcare Access for Church Workers program. You are invited to Hoffunsau Mennonite Church on June 6 at 7pm to hear MC USA leader Keith Harder explain what the delegates will be asked to decide, why they are being asked to decide and how the team formulated the current recommendations. He will also listen to the concerns of local churches as they struggle with the issue. All interested people--delegates, church leaders, lay people, pastors--are invited to attend. For questions/more information call 620.585.6733. If possible please RSVP by phone or email hmc@dtmspeed.net. The session is free of cost.

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

Due to lack of registrations, the **JOY (Just fOr You) retreat** scheduled for May 27-28 at Camp Mennoscah has been cancelled.

Joyce Pankratz's (Camp Mennoscah Director) father-in-law, F. Carl Pankratz, died May 14. Funeral services were at First Mennonite Church, Reedley, CA on May 18. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to their family. (Due to their trip to California, all Camp registration confirmation cards will be delayed 10 days.)

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Donald E. and Jane Hiebert will celebrate with an open house from 1:30 to 3:30pm on May 27 at the Preparatory School in Goessel. Your presence is your gift.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Peace Connections will host Sara Thomsen singer, songwriter, June 2, 7 pm, Bethel College.

Community sing & worship service, June 3, 10:45 am, Shalom Mennonite Church. Check poster for details.

Kauffman Museum day camp. June 25-29. Details are posted.

Bethel College Women's Association Faculty Public Lecture June 7, 7:30pm, Krehbiel Auditorium.

Newsletter items may be submitted next week and are due May 28.

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

God's life and our lives are bound together, as a vine with branches as a body with members. So corporate are we that no one can give a cup of cold water to the least person in the world without giving it to [God]! - *Rufus M. Jones*