

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

March 13, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaught

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Prelude** *Sonata III* (based on HWB 133) Mendelssohn

## Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! During this time we welcome our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Choral Call to Worship** *Ave verum Corpus* Adult Choir

## \* Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come into new life!  
Know that God is the Lord!

**People:** We hope in the Lord, for it is God who will redeem us.

**Leader:** Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.  
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

**People:** O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord is steadfast love,  
And with God is great power to redeem.

**All:** Today we will declare your marvelous deeds.

## \* Gathering Prayer

## \* Gathering Hymn No. 6 *Here In This Place*

## Children's Moments

**Special Music** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Adult Choir

**Morning Offering** Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Cherwien

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 37:1-14 Reader: Olin Claassen

## Sharing and Prayers of the Church

### Invitation to Prayer

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

### Prayer of Confession

O Lord, encouraged by your patient understanding,

I face my fear of sickness and death.

I admit my disappointment and my anger toward you and others

Who are supposed to keep people well.

I want to live well today.

In your mercy, help me, for no one else can help.

**Ritual of pouring sand.** In silence we witness the ritual of pouring sand as a symbol of pouring out our sins to the Lord and trusting God to cleanse us.

## Prayers of the Church

### Words of Assurance

Wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord is steadfast love,

And with God is great power to redeem.

## \* Song of Assurance No. 558 *When the Storms of Life Are Raging*

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

**The Gospel Reading** John 11:38-45 Reader: Olin Claassen

**Sermon** Pastor Brett

## \* Hymn No. 483 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

\* **Benediction** Pastor Jim

\* **Sending Hymn No. 614** *In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

**Postlude** *Toccata in F*

Buxtehude

\* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### **For Sharing and Prayer**

We congratulate Keith Burch on his graduation from Southeast Community College, Milford, Nebraska, Thursday, March 17, 2005. Keith's major is John Deere Agriculture Technology.

Dan March has resigned as Administrator at Wheat State Manor. The Board is currently looking for a new administrator.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Ministerial Committee as it meets in Texas and scatters to preach and participate in seven different congregations today.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN associates C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz report that a spiritual awakening is happening in Paraguay. Pray that they will be prepared to minister to the many people that come and seek help, some who are extremely wounded or bound by occult practices.

**Church Events**

**This afternoon** The basketball (2:00 p.m.) and volleyball (3:00 p.m.) teams will practice at Remington High School.

**This evening at 6:15 p.m.** The junior youth and others will be attending the Steven Curtis Chapman concert. Transportation to the concert will be leaving from the church at 6:15 p.m. For more information please contact Tim or Lisa Schmidt.

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Bake peppernuts for the Mennonite Relief Sale; Devotions: Rita Patterson; Hostess: Elfrieda Schmidt; Financial Project: Western District Women in Mission.

**Wednesday at 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal\*

**7:00 – 8:10 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming

**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Bible Study

**7:40 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Tammy Regehr (799-2911) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

**Please make note of these important Lenten announcements and plan now to attend these special services.**

- On Palm Sunday, next Sunday the worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Bethel College Choir and Bethel College students will give leadership to the service.
- Joint Holy Week services will begin next Sunday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing. Speaker will be Ann Schowalter. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.
- The Joint Maundy Thursday service on March 24 will be at Grace Hill beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Our annual Easter Sunrise service will begin at **6:00 a.m.** Easter Sunday. Sunrise is at 6:22 a.m. this year!

**March 28 – April 2** Western District Basketball & Volleyball Tournament

**SMILE!! It's time for a new Grace Hill pictorial directory!** Olan Mills will be at the church on April 4 and 5 (Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 – 9:30 p.m.) to take pictures of our families. Sign up for picture

appointments after the worship service in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Claassen or Lisa Schmidt.

### **April 8 and 9 Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson**

- ◆ We are in need of bakers of pies, rye bread and zwiebach – pie tins and bread sacks are available in the foyer.
- ◆ Chris Wiebe and Grant Claassen will be participating in the “Run for Relief” 5K Run and Walk on April 9 and are looking for sponsors. Any pledge, large or small, would be appreciated.
- ◆ Check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer – there are many opportunities to get involved.
- ◆ Don't forget to leave your extra change in the penny jug in the foyer!
- ◆ Questions? – contact Kendall Claassen or Kim or Debbie Claassen.

### **Announcements**

**You're invited to join “Prayers of the Church”** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter.** All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Carol Claassen (Olin) and Brittany Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Diana Schunn and Deb Hiebert

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Bethel College Choir

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,472.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Bethel College

**Et Cetera**

**Sarah Melici**, stage, film and TV actress, will perform a one-woman play, *Fool for Christ: The Story of Dorothy Day*, Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College, North Newton. The performance is free and open to the public and the last of the 2004-2005 Peace Lecture Series sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). Day, who died in 1980 at the age of 83, was considered a significant figure in the history of American Catholicism. In the hour-long play, Melici moves between Day (at various ages) and others coming into her story, giving balanced attention to Day's loves, spirituality and politics.

**Transforming Stress Noon Luncheon:** The pressure is building. You feel so steamed up that your lid is about to blow. It's been one thing after another today and you just can't take it anymore. Learn how to manage your stress in a new way. Join us for lunch with Ann Trechak of Wichita at noon on March 17, at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Trechak will introduce a simple, straightforward method readers can learn and practice to literally resolve emotional turbulence by shifting their own heart rhythms. She will show you how to transform emotional and mental energy into new, satisfying feelings and intelligent perceptions that ease the stress. Lunch provided for a donation. Reservations appreciated. Call 316-284-0000.

**Mennonite Women's Spring Sunset Supper** will be Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main. Aziza Hazan will be the special guest speaker. Wendy Miller of Whitestone will lead the devotions. A trio for Eden Mennonite Church will provide special music. The Hesston Mennonite Youth will serve a light supper as one of their fund raisers to go to Charlotte 2005. Cost of the meal will be \$5.00. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary Ann Wiebe or Agnes Harder to make reservations.

**Mark your calendars now for the Mennonite Men and Boys Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah April 22-24. Contact Brent Voran 316-284-2657 for more information.

**Wheat State Manor** will hold a Planned Giving Luncheon on Friday, March 18 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at Palmyra Baptist Church, Benton. Presentations will be by Mike Miller, a Certified Financial Planner, with

Mennonite Foundation and John Griffin, Esq., who specializes in charitable estate planning across Kansas. "Current Topics in Estate Planning" will be John Griffin's topic. When local people think and plan for the distribution of their accumulated assets they are more likely to put their money where their values are, whether it be a gift to Wheat State Manor, to their local church, or to another charity where your heart is. The meeting is free and for information purposes only. A BBQ brisket lunch will be prepared by Vicki and Steve Anderson. If you want more information or want us to prepare a plate for you, please RSVP by Monday, March 14 to 799-2181.

**The Newton Ten Thousand Villages** is looking for a reliable person or persons with strong communications skills and a friendly attitude for the paid position of Saturday manager. Job duties include managing the store and volunteers 9 hours on Saturdays while maintaining positive customer relations. Commitment includes 3-5 Saturdays a month. Will report directly to the General Manager. Position begins May 21, 2005. Will include training before start date. Please send resume to: Heidi Huber, General Manager, 625 N. Main, Newton, KS 67114. For more information contact Heidi Huber at (316) 283-0061.

**Charlotte 2005** activities will include an intergenerational festive-type event for all ages, a joint worship service for adults, junior high and youth, as well as a joint Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA delegate session. For more information, visit the Charlotte 2005 web site at [www.Charlotte2005.org](http://www.Charlotte2005.org).

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