

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

April 8, 2007

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Linda Harms

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Easter Sunday

Prelude *Christ the Lord is Risen Hallelujah!*

Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! During this time we spend a few moments introducing 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

Kids in Praise

I Want To Want To

Children of Light

Every Morning is Easter Morning

One: Something deep inside us calls us,

All: Beckons us.

One: We are looking for truth

All: That anchors us in the midst of competing voices.

One: We are searching for life

All: That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

One: We are finding our way

All: To Christ, to community, to love.

One: And we are bold to sing

All: A resurrection song.

Invocation

* **Gathering Hymn No. 280** *Christ the Lord is risen today*

Trumpets: Ben Lichti, Caleb Regehr, Matt Regier, Daniel Klaassen

Worship in Giving Local Church Missions

Offertory *The Easter Song*

An Easter Story "*The Parable*" by John Aurelio

From Storytelling: Imagination and Faith by William J. Bausch

Choral Anthem *Easter Song*

Celebration Singers

Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thine name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

* **Hymn No. 273** *Low in the grave he lay*

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Donna Balzer

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

Message *From Bad Dreams to New Visions*

* **Hymn No. 275** *Lift your glad voices*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** *He Has Arisen, Alleluia!* Celebration Singers

Postlude

* 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!

Thanks to Donna Balzer for the Lenten display of the dry river bed that we added life to during the Lenten season.

The cross this morning, with its white ribbons, is a sign of our forgiveness and new resurrection life through Jesus Christ. Maundy Thursday evening we nailed red ribbons to the cross. This morning we see them transformed to white. Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow! So let us celebrate! And let us receive the forgiveness in our hearts!

For Sharing and Prayer

In the hospital: Roberta Harms, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita

Western District Conference: Pray for young children in your congregation as they are nurtured in their faith through loving parents and caregivers, committed teachers, and generous role models. Also pray for the Mid-Texas meeting on the 14th that the Holy Spirit will guide and give wisdom regarding dual affiliation with WDC and SCC.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for MMN workers and believers around the world who together worship the resurrected Christ this Easter day. Many African Initiated Churches hold their denominational annual meetings and baptisms during Easter weekend. Pray especially for newly baptized believers.

Church Events

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Business Council meets at church.

Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Programming

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Worship Council meets at church.

Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Wheat State Manor Vesper Service.
Mariners S.S. Class is in charge.

Friday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. is set for the All Women and Girls Salad Supper at the Grace Hill Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker is Sheralynn Neff, a junior at Newton High School. She will do a drama "Food Out of Famine". Violin music by Rachel Voran, a senior at Newton High School, will be the special music. Invite your family and friends and bring salad for you and your guest.

Saturday, April 28 8:00 a.m. – noon Church Work Day

Sunday, May 6 Carry-in Dinner

Mennonite Relief Sale in Hutchinson – April 13 and 14

- The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is nearly here. Plan to attend the sale on Friday evening, April 13, and all day Saturday, April 14, at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. On Friday, the quilt display and food service begins at 4 p.m. and priced items go on sale at 5 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. This year's program features Bryan Moyer Suderman performing Folk music for the Small and Tall. Saturday auctions are at 8:45 a.m. with the first Children's auction at 10 a.m. The quilt auction is at the Meadowlark Building, and the general auction is at Sunflower Building North. See Brad & Suzy Burch or Cal & Jo Frye, our relief sale contact persons, to volunteer for work that still needs doing and for instructions for delivery of your donated items. Your willing response supports the work of Mennonite Central Committee. www.kansas.mccsale.org
- Don't forget the penny collection – the jug is in the foyer.
- Grant Claassen is planning to participate in the 5K Run for Relief and would like your support. Let him know if you are interested in giving him a pledge for Mennonite Central Committee.

High School Youth Group

April 15 Homeless Speaker at Bethel - We will be going for pizza prior to that. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Bring \$3 for food.

Announcements

There will be no blood pressure checks this month but we will continue next month.

Bible school is going to be held June 4-8 at Grace Hill. We are still in need of a music leader and some helpers to walk the groups around from place to place. The theme is western so if you have any props that we could use to decorate with please let Sara Burch or Cassie Klingenberg know. Thank you to all of you that have volunteered already. Be sure to let us know also if there are any children that we can send invitations to.

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.

Nursery This Sunday: Cassie Klingenberg and Kris Goossen

Nursery Next Sunday: Deb Hiebert and Rita Patterson

Special Music Next Sunday: Praise Team and Jana Harms

Ushers Next Sunday: Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

Offering Last Sunday: Mennonite Church USA \$1,842.05

Offering Next Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries

Et Cetera

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers April 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. We are looking for 50 + new volunteers. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than April 9. You may also email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net.

Marlene Bogard will be ordained to Christian ministry on Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton. The congregation and Western District Conference invite you to this worship celebration and reception.

Canadian Mennonite singer and songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman will be in concert at First Mennonite Church, Newton, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Suderman's concerts are for all ages and from the small to the tall. The concert is co-sponsored by First Mennonite Church and Western District Conference. For more info check out: www.smalltallmusic.com. He will also perform at the MCC Relief Sale, Hutchinson, (opening act) on April 13 (7 p.m.); at an Inman Community Concert at Zoar Mennonite Brethren Church on April 14 (7 p.m.); and at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman on April 15 (10:30 a.m.).

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be giving two concerts: Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple, Wichita and Sunday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany College, Presser Hall, Lindsborg.

Mennonite Nurses Association welcomes you to *A Day Retreat for Nurses* on April 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Registration is \$5.00 (lunch provided). To register call Joyce Huber at 620-327-4152. See the bulletin board for more details.

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 20-22. Come enjoy a weekend with the guys at the annual retreat. We'll tickle your funnybone, feed your stomach, and allow you to wear the same clothes for 3 days! Come to camp or sleep in more civilized cabins. This is for all men, not just dads and sons. Invite a friend, this is a great outreach opportunity. Bring your work clothes and guitars... we'll have projects for you workaholics and a chance to jam for you bluegrass fans. Questions? Call Brent Voran, 316-284-2657 or email: voranhomeinspections@cox.net. See the poster with all the details.

The theme for the Western District Conference annual delegate session, set for July 27-29, is "Speak Lord! ¡Habla Señor!" based upon the call of Samuel found in I Samuel 3. Through worship services, musical programs, workshops and table discussion groups, there will be opportunity to understand what it means to be an attentive listener when God speaks to us.

Congratulations to Joy Mennonite Church, Oklahoma City, OK, this year's recipient of the MCC Washington Office Annual congregation Advocacy Award for their work in peace advocacy and working with the Oklahoma Committee for Conscientious Objection.

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