

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 6, 2007

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Music led by the Praise Ensemble

## \* Songs of Praise

**Hymnal No. 116** *Crown him with many crowns* Vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4  
*Shout to the North*

*Knowing You*

**Hymnal No. 226** *You are salt for the earth* Vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Worship in Giving** Mennonite Church USA

**Children's Moments** *Special Signs*

Pastor Jim

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Acts 11:1-18

Kristen Lanzrath

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

**Message**

*I have given you Mission Possible!*

*I have given you a mission of transformation to carry out!*

\* **Hymn No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn** *Unity*

Gerald Derstine

**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!**

The *Praise Ensemble* includes Tyler Ellis, Levi Goossen, Penny Hiebert, Jon Jantz, Brett Klingenberg, Kristen Lanzrath, Anna McNay, Curt Regehr and Ben Voth.

## Prelude

### 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.

**Call to Worship** *My Soul is Filled with Joy* Arr. David Haas

### A Litany of the New Command of John 13:34-35

**One:** A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

**All:** **By this everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus.**

**One:** Are we committed to Jesus so much so that we *look* at others with the heart of Jesus?

**All:** **By this everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus.**

**One:** Are we committed to Jesus so much so that we *think* of others with the heart of Jesus?

**All:** **By this everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus.**

**One:** Are we committed to Jesus so much so that we *act toward* others with the heart of Jesus?

**All:** **By this everyone will know that we are disciples of Jesus.**

**A new command I give you: Love one another.**

**As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

## Gathering Prayer

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Dear Grace Hill family - Thank you for the many ways you've supported us during dad's recent illness and death. The cards, phone calls, meals and offers of help were greatly appreciated.

Russ, Kris, David and Paul Janzen

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, letters and visits during and after my knee surgery.

Orville and Nancy Schmidt

**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. MMN workers Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey request prayer that this year the churches will again respond positively and generously to BBI.

## Church Events

**Today after Sunday School** Carry-in Dinner. Everyone is welcome to stay!

**Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** Business Council will meet at church.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Adult Choir will practice. Praise Team will be practicing with the adult choir at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday for about 15-20 minutes.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Youth Group will meet.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Worship Council will meet at church.

**Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship will meet at the Mennonite Central Committee Center in North Newton. Program: Work Night at MCC Center and elections; Devotions: Justina Smith; Hostess: Elfrieda Schmidt; Financial Project: MCC.

**June 4-8** Vacation Bible School at Grace Hill.

### High School Youth Group

**High School Parents:** There will be a parents and youth meeting regarding the San Jose trip. The meeting will be **May 23 at 7:00 p.m.** at Grace Hill. We will go over all the details.

**Snack Sign up Sheet for Youth Group** If you would like to provide snacks for about 25 people for Wednesday night youth group, you can sign up on the Pastor's office door. Thanks so much!

## Announcements

**Attention All Men!** We will sing for the worship service on May 20. We will practice May 13 right after Sunday School briefly. Talk to Ken Wiebe if you have questions.

**Spiritual Council will be taking pictures** of all families/individuals for the bulletin board in the foyer. There will be two cameras set up with back drops in the fellowship hall area. Please stop by either before church or after Sunday School. The following dates will have someone available starting at 8:00 a.m. and leaving after the last picture is taken after Sunday School: today (pictures can be taken after the meal as well), May 20 (reception for Seniors).

**Harvey County Food Pantry suggested items to donation this month:** canned fruit. A basket for goods is located in the foyer by the front entrance.

**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:** Joyce Wedel and Elizabeth Martin

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Orville Schmidt

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Retreat Program \$1,439.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

### CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**Celebrate World Fair Trade Day** on Saturday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 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 p.m. and African drumming from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will also have international goodies for sampling, along with other fun activities.

**The Possum Boys** will be holding their CD release concert at 7:00 pm, May 13, at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Goessel. Come for a night of bluegrass, and buy your own copy of their first CD for \$15. Members of the group are Bethany Amstutz, Nate Stucky, Derek, Brett, and Grant Klingenberg.

**The Bethel College Alumni Association** invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet, 6:00 p.m., May 19, in Memorial Hall. Program includes award presentations and music by Open Road. Cost \$16 per person. Contact the Bookstore in Schultz Student Center on campus, (316) 284-5205. Reservation deadline is May 9.

**Southern Hills Mennonite Church, Topeka, Kansas** will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 2 and 3, 2007. See the poster on the bulletin board or check the website [www.southernhills.ks.us.mennonite.net](http://www.southernhills.ks.us.mennonite.net) for more information.

**Camp Mennosciah:** 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! The Just fOr You (JOY) retreat (for those with disabilities) is coming around the bend Memorial Day weekend. Contact the camp for more information. Camp Mennosciah 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.

**The quilt for the Kidron Bethel Celebration Day** may be viewed in the lobby today. Tickets are available for \$1.00. The drawing will be on June 8, 7:20 p.m. The quilt was pieced by Wanda Harms and quilted by the Kidron Bethel Auxiliary.

## Songs for Worship

### *Shout to the North*

Martin Smith

#### Verse 1

Men of faith rise up and sing, Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness complete

#### Chorus 1

Shout to the north and the south, Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth

#### Verse 2

Rise up women of the truth, Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r, Of our awesome King of love

#### Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings, Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high, By His grace again we'll fly

#### BRIDGE

We've been through fire, We've been through rain  
We've been refined, By the pow'r of His name  
We've fallen deeper, In love with You  
You've burned, The truth on our lips

### *Knowing You*

Graham Kendrick

#### Verse 1

All I once held dear built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now compared to this

#### Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all You're the best  
You're my joy my righteousness  
And I love You Lord

#### Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found in You and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness

#### Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death my Lord  
So with You to live and never die

### *Unity*

Gerald Derstine

#### Refrain:

Jesus help us live in peace,  
From our blindness set us free.  
Fill us with Your healing love.  
Help us live in unity.

#### Verse 1:

Many times we disagree  
O'er what's right or wrong to do.  
It's so hard to really see.  
From the other's point of view.

#### Verse 2:

How we long for power and fame,  
Seeking every earthly thing.  
We forget the One who came.  
As a Servant, not a king.

Repeat Refrain.