

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 22, 2005

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Keyboard: Teresa Martin

Whitewater, Kansas

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Child Dedication

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.

Let us now prepare to worship our Creator and Lord
by leaving the troubles of the world behind and entering
into God's presence in a spirit of humility and praise.

* **Centering Our Hearts to Worship our Creator God**

Psalms 19:7-11 (NRSV)

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul

People: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart

People: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever

People: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold
Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb

All: Moreover by them is your servant warned
In keeping them there is great reward

* **Prayer of Gathering**

* **A Hymn of Praise No. 71** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Children's Moment *Hiding Your Light*

Valerie Klaassen

Offering Western District Conference

Child Dedication Service

Lily Katherine, daughter of Brian and Michelle Hilgenfeld
born June 17, 2004

Hymn No. 620 *Child Of Blessing, Child Of Promise*

Sharing and Prayer

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

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Pew Bible Page 178
Reader: Donna Balzer

* **Hymn** *Thy Word*

Grant, Amy / Smith, Michael W.

CHORUS: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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VERSE 1: When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

CHORUS

VERSE 2: I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side.
And I will love You to the end.

CHORUS

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New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:14-17

Pages 1178 & 1179

Sermon *The Ministry of the Word*

Committed to Jesus as Lord, we minister by worship, fellowship, caring, instruction, outreach and prayer that every person may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience the kingdom of hope, love and peace.

* **Hymn No. 313** *Rejoice, Rejoice In God*

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Hymn No. 420** *Heart With Loving Heart* Verses 1 & 3

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!**

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for all youth sponsors and pastors as they guide, lead, and challenge our young people to follow Jesus Christ. And pray for youth as they continue to collect funds to attend the convention in Charlotte.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Mennonite Voluntary Service participants from all over the United States will gather with staff in Missouri for their annual retreat the end of May. Pray for a time of rest and renewal as volunteers prepare for the last few months of their terms of service.

Church Events

Today Kids in Praise and Celebration Singers choir members are invited to a choir appreciation dinner at Valerie and John's home. Parents should pick you up their children around 2:00 p.m. This is our way of saying thank you for a great year in choir starting with extra rehearsals for The Rockslinger's Greatest Hit and including regular attendance at practices and singing on Sundays. THANK YOU!

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Education Council meets at church.

Next Sunday at 11:20 a.m. Memorial Service in the church cemetery.

Next Sunday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper & Sharing Session with Hannah Klaassen. Bring a brown bag supper for yourself and share in the fellowship. Following the meal Hannah will share pictures and information about her trip to the Middle East. The next Sunday Supper & Sharing will be July 24 with Weldon and Jennie Martens. If you have suggestions for other speakers or questions see a Worship Council member.

May 30 – June 3 Bible School with Zion at Grace Hill. *Kingdom of the Son – a Prayer Safari* will be the theme for children ages 4 through 6th grade. For more information, contact Penny Hiebert or Sharon Schmidt.

June 12 NUDGE A FRIEND! Do you know someone who is reluctant to share their talent? Encourage them to participate in the Grace Hill talent night June 12. Extra registration forms and invitations are in the foyer.

Western District Conference will be holding a "Circling the Conference" meeting on May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Information about the WDC strategic planning process and projections will be presented. For more information, call WDC at 316-283-6300 or email: wdc@mennowdc.org.

Urgently needed by June 1: young adults to serve with *deo* (a one year service-based discipleship program of the Mennonite Mission Network) working with homeless and elderly persons in Denver, CO, and Phoenix, AZ. Please pray that God will provide young adults to meet these needs. For more information or to apply, contact *deo* at deo@mennowdc.org, phone: 316-283-5100, or at www.d-e-o.org.

Alumni and friends of Bethel College are invited to the Spring Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, June 4, at Eagle Bend Golf Course, 1250 E. 902 Rd. (below Clinton Lake Dam), Lawrence, Kansas. The tournament is a fund-raiser for Bethel College. Activities begin at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$70 (includes lunch, greens fees, cart). To register contact the alumni office at 316-284-5251, alumni@bethelks.edu, or see the brochure on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 25. Come play golf for Bethel!

Wheat State Manor will be holding a garage sale on June 11. If you have items to donate, please bring them to Wheat State after June 1.

Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day, Friday, June 10, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. Fun for all ages, free snacks, activities, entertainment. Pig roast 5:30-7:30 p.m. (cost - donation). **Village Resident Garage Sale**, Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please start collecting items. We need handcrafted items and crafts, antiques, furniture, collectibles, appliances, glassware, jewelry, toys, games, food, and other items. No clothing please. Drop off donations at the Information Centre. For pick up of larger items please call 284-2900. Thank you.

Need a service opportunity? Ten Thousand Villages is looking for volunteers to fill half-day clerking time slots, Monday through Saturday. The morning shift is 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The afternoon shift is 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit our store at 625 N. Main St., Newton or call Heidi Huber, Manager, at 283-0061.

Register for Charlotte. It's not too late to register for Charlotte 2005. Forms are available at www.Charlotte2005.org or from the Charlotte 2005 office at 574-523-3048. Registration will also be available on-site; however, no meal plans will be available for purchase.

Et Cetera

Announcements

The Spiritual Council will again be sponsoring first time campers to Camp Mennoscah. To off-set the cost of the camp we will be taking a special offering **today** during Sunday School. This year we have 6-8 persons who could be first time campers, the cost to send a camper to Camp Mennoscah varies between \$95.00 and \$115.00 a person depending upon the age of the camper. We are also asking the parent of first time campers to contact Sandie Lanzrath as soon as possible.

Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 2 Chronicles 20:13 (NRSV). God welcomes all to come into His presence and worship. As a congregation we continue to seek ways to make everyone feel welcome as well. In order for small children and their parents to feel welcome we would like to provide a special area for them to be seated so that the parents may feel comfortable caring for their children and may be close to the nursery as needed. The ushers will also have an area where they can seat guest parents with small children if they request to be seated toward the back of the sanctuary. We are suggesting that the last three pews on the south section of the sanctuary be made available for parents with small children. In time signs will be placed on these pews designating them for parents with small children. We would also invite all of us to take a few more steps and choose one of the pews closer to the front of the sanctuary. We also realize that the sloping floor of the sanctuary can cause difficulties for some. The other back pews are for those with such a need. If you have further questions or comments please contact a member of the Administrative, Spiritual or Worship Council. Let us all come before the Lord with thanksgiving and hospitality toward one another in this special place God has given us to worship.

Journey with Joshua and the Grace Hill kids this summer in Sunday School. Let's give our dedicated Sunday School teachers a much-deserved break! There is plenty of opportunity for helping with this vital ministry of our church. You can be a music leader, story teller, activity coordinator, helper, or early childhood teacher. Refer to the Journey with Joshua flyer for details. Sign up in the foyer during the month of May. This is one summer activity you won't want to miss!

Beginning June 5 we will have a combined adult Sunday School class for the summer. The adult class will be studying the Old Testament using "The Bible Jesus Read" by Philip Yancey.

Bible School supplies needed! Do you have any of the following supplies that you could donate to Bible School crafts? We are needing: various colors of yarn, craft foam in various colors, small jigsaw puzzle pieces, one-half gallon cardboard milk cartons, baby food jars, plastic frosting cans, tongue depressors, ice cream sticks, medium-sized disposable round canister with plastic lid (small coffee can, roasted nuts container, powdered drink). Please put items in the box in the library. Questions? Talk to Katherine Claassen.

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: Bonita Schroeder and Emily Burch
Nursery Next Sunday: Marge Harms and Tammy Regehr

Keyboard Next Sunday: Debbie Claassen
Special Music Next Sunday: Ashley Newingham
Ushers Next Sunday: Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

Offering Last Sunday: Bible School/Education \$1,823.75
Offering Next Sunday: Offender Victim Ministries

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