

## Sermon Notes

### *The Good News of Jesus*

(Mark 1:1-15)

*"The beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God."*

*"After John was handed over, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said, 'the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'"*

-Mark 1:1, 14-15

## Beginning a Journey

### **The Beginning: Mark 1:1-15**

- I. Good News (1:1, 14, 15)
- II. Messiah & Son of God (1:1, 11; 8:29 & 9:7; 15:39)
- III. Kingdom of God (1:15)

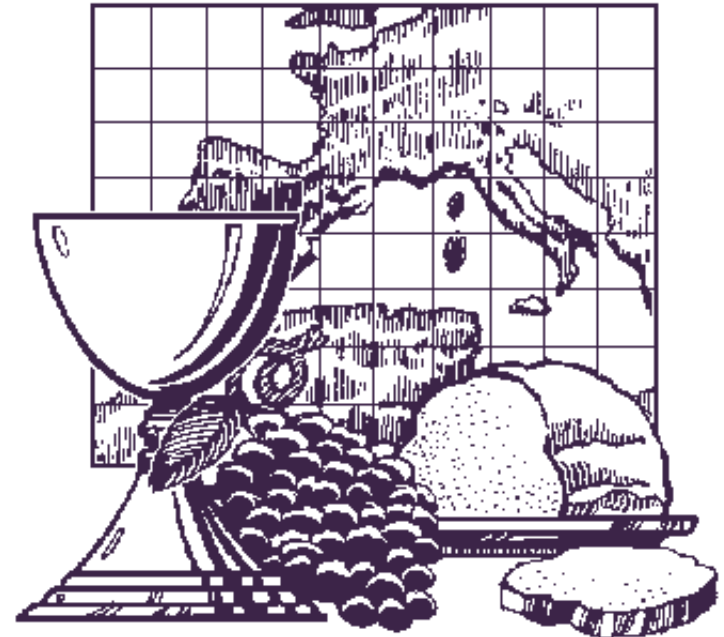
### **The Roadmap: Mark 1:1-16:8**

- I. Kingdom Ministry in Galilee (Mark 1:1-8:26) – *Before Lent*
- II. Journey to Jerusalem (Mark 8:27-10:52) – *Lent*
- III. To & Through the Cross (Mark 11:1-16:8) – *Holy Week*

### **Our Journey Ahead: May we...**

- I. *Immerse Ourselves in Mark's Good News*
- II. *Embrace Jesus as Messiah & Son of God*
- III. *Live into God's Reign Here on Earth*

## Beginning a Journey



## Embracing the Good News

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**As God's children and the body of Christ,  
we are called by God to offer hospitality,  
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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## Gathering

PRELUDE

Adult Worship Team

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Rosie Jantz

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 99:1-5*

Leader: The Lord is king; the peoples tremble.  
God is throned on the cherubim; the earth quakes.  
The Lord is great in Zion;

**All: You are supreme over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your name, so terrible and great,  
so holy, full of power.**

Leader: You are a king who loves what is right;  
you have established equity, justice and right;  
you have established them in Jacob.

**All: Exalt the Lord our God;  
bow down before God's footstool.  
The Lord our God is holy.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"You are salt for the earth"*

No. 226

\*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Jesus shall reign"*

No. 319

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*"You are Worthy"* -Beatty

**A Mennonite Disaster Service trip** has been scheduled for the week of February 24, 2013 to Joplin, MO. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, please sign up on the bulletin board or let Dale Alderfer or Steve Janzen know as soon as possible. We are allowed 10-12 people on this week. All ages and skill levels welcome.

**Are you interested** in being a Tabor delegate for Mennonite Convention in Phoenix, Arizona this summer? The convention dates are July 1-6. Please let Pastor Phil know if you are interested.

*Registration for Phoenix 2013 begins TODAY. Lodging reservations can be made starting January 22. Also, see posted flyer about the Purposeful Plan Banquet, a fund-raising event for the ministries of Mennonite Church USA, scheduled for July 2.*

**Sunday, January 27:** Second half congregational meeting. Fundraiser meal served at noon by TMYF.

**MCC Sale News:** In your boxes this morning you will find the forms for "MCC Fellowship Meals". These are the forms to use if you want to eat out at someone's home or if you would like to host people in your home. These filled out forms may be mailed in or they may be put in Jerry & Leann Toews or Kris & Archie Schmidt's mail box. Tabor will also have a "MCC Fellowship Meal" served in our church basement again in Feb. or March. Details will be coming later for this. *Dates for this years sale is April 12 and 13. Please put those dates on your calendars.*

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 6, 2013

Offering	= \$ 5,234.11	Attendance	= 221
Adult S.S.	= \$ 55.82	Attendance	= 64
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 11.59	Attendance	= 20

### Good News!

"For this Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts,  
and tells us that we really are God's children."

—Romans 8:16 NLB



**From Pastor Phil:** Tabor Congregation: I am interested in connecting with you more intentionally this coming year. Two ways that I would like to do this are: 1) I would like to come and visit you at home and/or at work (I plan to be in touch with you, but feel free to let me know when might be a good time for me to visit) and 2) I would like to continue praying for each of you (if you have a business card or small picture, please pass that on to me so I can post it on my office door as a reminder to me to pray). I have already enjoyed hearing many of your stories, and I look forward to deeper connections in this year ahead!

**Child Dedication:** I would like to plan a Child Dedication Sunday for April 21 or 28. Please contact me (pastor Phil) by the end of January if you have a child to be dedicated so that we can pick a date that suits everyone.

**MCC WaterWorks** materials (giving calendar, fun pages, and story book) are available on the table in the foyer. There are also cans in the foyer that can be used for collecting pennies for the MCC Sale Penny Challenge. These resources can be for anyone to use. Any child who still has coins from the holiday water project can give the money to Carrie Unruh.

**Willing Helpers** will have their first meeting of 2013 on Wednesday, January 16 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. This will be a work day – tying quilts, embroidering, cutting quilt blocks etc. This year the study book is “Let Justice Roll Down, Women Engaging the World” by Rebecca Seiling. This is a study on the book of Amos. Joyce Watts will lead the devotional. Please bring your Bible. Bring a can of non cream soup for the noon luncheon.

**All women** are invited to a Willing Helpers sponsored “Make a Craft for MCC” on Saturday, January 19, 2013 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Supplies to make simple crafts will be provided. Delicious treats and specialty coffee and tea will be served. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. For more details see the note in your mail box.

**Attention Jr. Highers and Parents: "Know Jesus"**, an event for junior high youth, is scheduled for January 26-27, 2013 at Hesston College. Register by January 16. A \$10 deposit is due with registration, scholarships are available. Phil and Mary Schmidt will be sponsors for this weekend. Junior Highers will help serve a Wednesday Evening fundraising meal at a later date to help offset additional cost of registration. We hope you can all come to this meaningful event!

**Tabor's week to staff the homeless shelter** is coming up January 23-29. There will be many opportunities to work evening and night shifts as well as 3-4 meals to provide. Please check your calendar and pray about how you can be a part of this ministry. Please talk to Pam or Brent Abrahams if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions. There are two training dates coming up--January 17 and 22 at 6:30 pm.

## Receiving

WORSHIP MUSIC      *“That’s Why I Pray”*      Sarah Booth  
Michelle Unruh, Carson Voth, Luke Unruh, Doug Krehbiel

CHILDREN’S STORY      Ilona Abrahams

SCRIPTURE      *Isaiah 42:1-4; Mark 1:1-15*      Loren Brandt

SERMON      *“The Good News of Jesus”*      Phil Schmidt

## Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *“God of the Bible”*      No. 167CS

COMMUNION

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN      *“Sent forth by God’s blessing”*      No. 478

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

Today we begin a journey through the Gospel of Mark that will take us all the way through Easter. Mark’s Gospel begins with a bang: “The beginning of the **good news** of Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1). So, what is this **good news**? We only need to look a few verses later: “The time has come, the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the **good news!**” (Mark 1:15). God’s kingdom has come near in the person of Jesus!

As we begin a new year, let us open ourselves to receive the good news of Jesus in a fresh way. To celebrate this new beginning, we will share communion together during the worship service. May our practice of communion be a symbol of our renewed allegiance to God’s kingdom here on earth.

### **Today Continued**

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kathy Schroeder and Richard Drake. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Diane Loewen in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

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.

**4:00 p.m.**—Tabor provides Chapel at Bethesda.

### **This Week**

#### **Monday, January 14**

**7:15 p.m.**—Christian Education meeting.

#### **Tuesday, January 15**

**7:00 p.m.**—Church Council meeting.

#### **Wednesday, January 16**

**9:00 a.m.**—No Women's Bible Study.

—Willing Helpers work day. *See announcements for details.*

#### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**—Supper *Sign up for the meal.*

**6:30 - 6:45 p.m.**—Kids' Movement

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**6:45 - 7:15 p.m.**—Sonbeams, Children of Light, Faith Friends (age 3-5)

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**—TMYF

**7:15 - 7:45 p.m.**—Faith Friends (K-gr. 1)

**7:15 - 8:15 p.m.**—Faith Adventures, Youth Explorers

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**—Adult Choir

#### **Friday, January 18**

Newsletter items are due.

#### **Saturday, January 19**

**9:00 a.m.**—**Make a Craft for MCC** *See bulletin announcements for details.*

### **Next Sunday, January 20**

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we continue our journey through Mark's Gospel. Our focus will be on how Jesus calls disciples and what he calls them to do. Scriptures for reflection include Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-17; 3:13-19; and 6:6b-13. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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



*Come Holy Spirit.  
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

### **Prayer Requests**

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Leadership Commission as they interview candidates for ordination on January 18.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Allison Schrag and Katie Penner, and for the Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship as they grieve the death of enthusiastic supporter Linda Hood. Pray also that Mennonites in New York City can comfort and extend hope to those suffering the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: All Mennonite educational institutions. Pray for health and safety for student athletes at all our Mennonite educational institutions.

### **Announcements**

**A big "THANK YOU"** to Tabor Church for the great sendoff last Sunday. I appreciate all the cards, gifts, well wishes, and affirmations expressed in so many ways. My thanks especially to the staff who have been a great support for me throughout the years. I will miss them all and am glad that Tabor is in good hands. I continue to pray for Tabor and I know our paths will cross again. Blessings in the new year! -Karen

**Thank you** for all the calls, cards, hugs, food and other acts of kindness following Orlin's death. Thank you to Pastor Phil and Pastor Karen for their visits and words of comfort. God bless you all.

-Mary Jane, Matt and James Janzen