

## Sermon Notes

*Take Courage: I AM with you*  
(Mark 6:30-52)

“And the Lord said, ‘I will cause all my goodness to **pass in front of you**, and **I will proclaim my name**, the Lord, in your presence.’”  
(Exodus 33:19a)

“Jesus came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to **pass them by**... Immediately he spoke to them and said, ‘Take courage! **It is I**. Don’t be afraid.’” (Mark 6:48b, 50b)

### The Cowardly Lion

#### Vanishing Valor

- I. Following a mission (Mark 6:7-13, 30-31)
- II. Serving the crowds (Mark 6:35-43)
- III. Rowing against the wind (Mark 6:45, 47-50a)

#### Continuing Courage (Mark 6:50)

- I. “Take courage” (Exodus 33:19)
- II. “It is I” (I AM) (Exodus 3:14; 33:19)
- III. “Don’t be afraid” (Mark 4:41; 5:36; 10:32)

### Courageous Discipleship

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## *Jesus the Miracle Worker:*



## *Courageous Discipleship*



**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      Diane Unruh

INTROIT      *"He comes to us as one unknown"*      Adult Choir

WELCOME and INVOCATION      Worship Leader, Luke Unruh

Leader: Gracious God,  
we have come in search of Christ,  
the Author of life.

**All: *Open the Scriptures to us  
that we might see Christ truly  
and meet Christ face to face. Amen***

\*GATHERING HYMN      *"Unto thy temple, Lord, we come"*      No. 4

\*PRAYER

### Praising

CALL TO WORSHIP      *from Psalm 146*

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is the Lord their God.

**People: The Lord is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them -  
The Lord remains faithful forever.**

Leader: The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

**People: The Lord sets prisoners free  
and gives sight to the blind,**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
and loves those who are righteous.

**All: *The Lord reigns forever,  
for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!***

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"*      No. 71

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY      Carol Duerksen

ANTHEM      *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* -arr. Mary McDonald      Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE      *Mark 6:30-52*      Kellen Froese

SERMON      *"Take Courage: I AM with you"*      Phil Schmidt

### Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"Don't be afraid"*      No. 126CS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### Sending

\*SENDING HYMN      *"Taste and see"*      No. 138CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

Today we continue our journey through the Gospel of Mark. We have already experienced Jesus as the one who teaches in parables and heals the sick. Today, we will reflect on Jesus as the one who performs mighty miracles. While his teaching, healings, and miracles amazed the crowds, Jesus didn't do any of these things to gain popularity. Rather, Jesus did everything to proclaim and embody the good news of God's Kingdom. With this in mind, this morning we will reflect on two miracles placed back-to-back in Mark's narrative: the feeding of the five thousand and Jesus walking on water (Mark 6:30-52). Instead of blind amazement, let us receive these stories with open hearts and allow them to invigorate our imaginations for faithful living today.

### 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 Brent, Pam, Sam and Sophia Abrahams and Keith and Barb Banman. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder 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 Tabor 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.

**Support our College Students:** Place the items for student care packages on the table north of the kitchen before noon today. Thanks!

## This Week

### Tuesday, February 12

**7:00 p.m.**—Worship/Fellowship Meeting.

### Wednesday, February 13

**9:00 a.m.**—Women's Bible Study.

### **Ash Wednesday**

**6:00 p.m.**—Supper, *please sign up for the meal.*

**6:35-7:20 p.m.**—Ash Wednesday Service *grades 2 through adults.*

—Preschool through grade 1 meet in classrooms

**7:20-7:40 p.m.**—Grades 2-8 reflect on Ash Wednesday Service

**7:40-8:00 p.m.**—Grades 2-8 choir rehearsal

**7:30-8:30 p.m.**—Adult Choir



## Next Sunday, February 17

**8:00 a.m.**—Church Council meeting.

**9:30 a.m.**—This next week begins the season of Lent, the 40 days (not including Sundays) of repentance and preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection. Throughout this season, we will slow down our pace through Mark's Gospel and take time to journey with Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem (Mark 8-10). Lent officially begins with Ash Wednesday. Come join us this Wednesday evening for supper and a special worship service: our Scripture focus will be Mark 8:27-9:1. Next Sunday, we will continue our journey to Jerusalem by focusing on Mark's account of Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9:2-13). Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Adults: James Goerzen and Kristin Unruh will share about their recent trips to Israel and Mexico.

**Noon:** Fellowship Meal Fund Raiser for the KS MCC Sale PLEASE sign up for a great Lasagna Meal and Pumpkin Cheesecake for dessert.



*Come Holy Spirit.*

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

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on February 3:*

- ★ Elaine Schroeder shared her appreciation for the interpretation of scripture this morning in relation to the sorrow that she has experienced in her life. She praised God for church community and support.
- ★ Brent Abrahams gave thanks for the help which was given at the Homeless Shelter and shared that he was invigorated by the lives and stories of those staying there. Praise God for the good work being done and let's continue to keep the Homeless Shelter ministry in our prayers.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our moderator, Diana Schunn, the Western District Conference Executive Board and Staff as they meet for an all day "Big View" meeting on February 16.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you for your prayers, and join in praising God for healing Amanda Falla of MMN. Her physicians report the bone marrow transplant a success and that her kidney function is nearing 100 percent. Pray for the Falla family as they continue their ministry, both in Chicago where Amanda was hospitalized and in Colombia.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the Bethel College students, faculty and staff who serve in local congregations each Sunday as choir directors, song leaders and instrumentalists.

## Announcements

**Young Adults:** We have a group of young adults at Tabor who have been gathering monthly since October and are interested in hosting a get-together for other young adults in the area. Here are the details:

- What: Potluck Dinner!
- Where: Tabor Mennonite Church
- Who: Post-College, Pre-Family Adults
- When: Saturday, March 9 at 5:30pm

We will need to know how many people plan to attend, so please invite anyone who is interested to RSVP to [pschmidt@tabormennonite.org](mailto:pschmidt@tabormennonite.org) by March 6th. Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share. Drinks will be provided. *See posted flyer for more details.*

**Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!** Menno Brothers (well, Hunt Brothers) pizza is on the menu for the Wednesday evening meal February 20. Also on the menu is fresh tossed salad and cookies. This dining event will benefit Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum -- you can enjoy good food and support the museum at the same time.

**The Willing Helpers** will meet Monday, February 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. For our program Carol Duerksen will lead a conversation with the area high school exchange students. Diana Schmidt will lead devotions "A God Who Roars" from Amos 1:2;3:7-8. Our other guests will be the Alexanderwohl Happy Home Workers. All church members are invited to attend this informative meeting. A time of fellowship and visiting with the students and guests will follow.

**MDS Update:** Final plans are being made for the MDS trip to Joplin, MO the week of February 24th. If you would like to go along there is still room available. It's not too late. If you would like to support the trip financially, please give donations to Kim Funk, Dale Alderfer or Steve Janzen.

### **Spring Sunday School Electives (Beginning March 3):**

For Women—A Sister Care Sunday School elective will be offered. "Sister Care, Equipping Women for a Caring Ministry" will give you tools to care for yourself and others. A team that has attended a Sister Care seminar will lead this study. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.  
For Men—"Under Construction: Reforming Men's Spirituality" by Gareth Brandt will be the focus of study. If you are interested in this class, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Time for Basketball:** The 2013 WDC Basketball Tournament will be held on the evenings of March 19, 21 and 22 at Bethel College. Registration deadline is March 1. Please contact Phil Unruh if you are interested in playing on Tabor's team.

**2013 Directory:** Please submit changes and updates for the 2013 Tabor Church Directory at this time. Email: [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org), or place in secretaries mailbox.

**Return is needed now:** the book "Christmas Treasures of the Heart" by Cheri Fuller is over due. If you took this book out from the selection of Conference Library books located on the desk in our library, please return it as soon as possible.

**Letter Posted:** from Katy Schmidt doing voluntary service in New Zealand.

**Camp Mennoscah 2013 Catalog:** Copies are on the table in the foyer.

### **MCC Sale News:**

*Kansas MCC Relief Sale: April 12 and 13.*

--What can YOU make this year? Think about wood working, metal working, needlework, artistic items that you can make. Good quality hand made items ALWAYS sell well at the MCC Sale. It is fun to make something and see what it brings. Go to the northwest corner of the basement and see the creative ideas that the Willing Helpers came up with this year.

--PLEASE help with pre-sale expenses. It takes about \$80,000 to put on the KS MCC Sale. We cover ALL these expenses before the sale so *all* the proceeds of the sale goes to the work of MCC. While this sounds like an incredible amount; when all the Mennonites in Kansas give a little, we always raise these funds. Please make your checks out to: "MCC pre-sale expenses" and place in Jerry and Leann Toews and Kris and Archie Schmidt's mail box.



### **OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**February 3, 2013**

Offering	=	\$ 4,649.00	Attendance	=	185
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 44.00	Attendance	=	51
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 8.41	Attendance	=	14

### **"Follow Me"**

"Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way they are."

-Augustine

