

I Speak for the Trees
(John 1:1-18)

“Way back in the days...” (*Creation*)

- “...when the grass was still green...”
- “In the beginning...” (John 1:1; Genesis 1:1)

“I knew just what I’d do!” (*Fall*)

- “I chopped down a Truffula Tree with one chop.” (Genesis 3:6)
- “The light shines in the darkness...” (John 1:5)

“I heard a ga-Zump!” (*Incarnation*)

- The Lorax: “I speak for the trees”
- “The Word became flesh and lived among us...” (John 1:14)

“How my business did grow!” (*Rejection*)

- “I biggered my money, which everyone needs.”
- “His own people did not accept him.” (John 1:11)

“We heard a loud whack!” (*Cross*)

- “Then we head the tree fall.”
- “It is finished.” (John 19:30)

“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot...” (*Church*)

- “It’s a Truffula Seed. It’s the last one of all!”
- “He gave the right to become children of God...” (John 1:12)

Parables from Dr. Seuss

The Lorax

Wisdom from Seuss

“UNLESS someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better.
It’s not.”

-Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

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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

Marcene Entz

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Michael Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

**People: you have come to your people
and set them free**

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

**People: In him was life,
and the life was the light of all.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Longing for light"

Insert

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Bless'd be the God of Israel"

No. 174

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHER APPRECIATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Receiving

WORSHIP MUSIC *"In My Life / If We Never Meet Again"* Josh Powell
Lennon, McCartney/Brumley

CHILDREN'S STORY *"The Lorax"* Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE *John 1:1-18* Kristi Unruh

MESSAGE *"I Speak for the Trees"* Phil Schmidt

Responding

HYMNS OF RESPONSE *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* No. 216
"Turn your eyes upon Jesus" No. 46CS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

All: the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Leader: Your presence is all around us;

All: every atom is full of your energy.

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

All: with her we yearn for justice to be done.

Leader: for creation to be freed from bondage,

All: for the hungry to be fed,

Leader: for captives to be released,

All: for your kingdom of peace to come on earth! AMEN

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Lead us in your light"* No. 139CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



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

Today

Today we begin a month-long series focused on four stories written by Dr. Seuss: *The Lorax*, *Oh the Places You'll Go*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *The Butter Battle Book*. As we reflect on these four stories, we will study related passages of scripture and allow the combination of story and scripture to inspire us toward faithful living. This morning we are focusing on *The Lorax* in conjunction with John 1:1-18.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton, Eunice and Lydia Nickel and Russ and Barb Abrahams. *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 church service for lunch. Thank you to Helen Schmidt for baking zwieback for us every time we meet. Thank you to Carrie Unruh and Elaine Unruh for always making something for us too. It is all greatly appreciated.

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.

This Week

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Thursday, May 9

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, May 12

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will continue our Dr. Seuss series by focusing on *Oh the Places You'll Go* in conjunction with the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. Pastor Phil will be preaching. During the service we will also take time to recognize our exchange students and graduates.

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for Ryan Koch's ordination at Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX, on Sunday, April 21. Pray for God's guidance as the church seeks new arrangements for meeting facilities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the ministry of the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador as they reach out to refugees and others in need. Pray for health and wisdom for the pastors, César Moya and Patricia Urueña, as they teach and provide leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hesston College community as it celebrates the class of 2013 during Commencement Weekend. Thank God for each student's contributions to the campus community over their time at Hesston and for the impact they will have on the world.

Announcements

Thank you

The Alvin Thiesen family wishes to thank you for all the prayers, cards and words of comfort. Thank you to Pastor Phil, all the congregation and all who helped with the food.
-Ann and family

Thank You! The Worship/Fellowship Executive Committee would like to thank NEWPORT GRILL in Wichita and CHEF ALAN SCHMIDT for providing the egg casseroles and cinnamon rolls for the Easter breakfast. We appreciated that unexpected gift.

Announcements Continued

Pastoral Review: Questionnaires for the review for Pastor Doug were in your mailboxes. Each person, Jr. High and older, should receive one. Extra forms are on the table in the foyer. In an attitude of prayer, please fill out the questionnaire and return to the box in the foyer by next Sunday, May 12.

Deacon Affirmation: On Sunday, May 12, the congregation will hold a brief meeting immediately following the worship service to affirm two persons as Deacons. Ron Schroeder, who was discerned after the 1st 1/2 annual meeting in November, and Shelley Buller, who was recently discerned by the Deacons to fill Rosie Jantz' position as she transitions to Associate Pastor. Rosie will officially begin as Associate Pastor on May 15.

The Christian Education Committee has several opportunities for new members to tackle all of the tasks needed to make Tabor's Christian Education run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider if one of the open positions on the Education Commission might fit your giftings.

A brand new opportunity for churches - Bike to Church Sunday! We hope this opportunity brings people from all ages together for fun and to support MCC's Global Family program!

John Stoesz, the MCC Central States Executive Director has begun a Farewell Bike Ride prior to his June 27 retirement. He plans to visit 50 churches in the central Kansas area during the month of May. But he's not driving, he's riding 2000 miles on his bike! John will be thanking churches for their continuing support of MCC and invite them to join in Bike to Church Sunday. So air up your bike tires, grease the chain, slather on some sunscreen and hit the road to join MCC for a Bike to Church Sunday!

The goal is to invite EVERYONE in your church to donate money to support MCC's Global Family community-based education projects. If you can raise \$300 as a church, you'll sponsor a project for an entire year! Global Family supports quality community-based education for children and youth around the world.

Are you the person who can help make this happen at Tabor? If you would be interested in organizing this event, please contact the church office.

Summer Camps!! Now is the time for registering students to spend a week at Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this summer. To receive a \$50 scholarship from Tabor Church for camps at Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain, please sign up on the bulletin board and families will be issued a check for their children who are attending camp.

Tabor Food Pantry is running low on groceries. Please see the poster on the bulletin board or the newsletter for high demand items which include canned fruits, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, laundry soap and large paper bags. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Please remember to read your Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or in mailboxes. Additional sheets can be found in the literature rack in the foyer. Information for community, conference, MCC, MDS, college, etc. are included on these pages.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE April 28, 2013

Offering	= \$ 3,801.00	Attendance	= 167
Adult S.S.	= \$ 53.58	Attendance	= 72
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 17.34	Attendance	= 17

