

“Who is in Charge?”

(1 Kings 1-2)

The king swore, saying, “As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,’ so will I do this day.” (1 Kings 1:29-30)

Entering the Peak of the United Monarchy

Power Plays (1 Kings 1:1-48)

- A. Adonijah
- B. Nathan
- C. David

A Turbulent Transition (1 Kings 1:49-2:46)

Who is in charge?



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Worship: 9:15 am Fellowship Time: 10:30 am Faith Formation: 10:45 am

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Year of the Bible

"Living Into God's Story"

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Gathering

PRELUDE Leighton Wagner, Zach Wiens, Mark Schmidt, Joshua Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Luke Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is a risk to have come to worship today.

People: This is a place where believers worship what cannot be seen,

Leader: choose to participate in a living mystery,

**People: and try—with all of the Spirit's help—
to allow transformation within our lives,
the church, and the world.**

Leader: This is a place where believers try—with all of the Spirit's grace—

**All: to risk letting go of familiar but stubborn ways
in order to believe, receive, and love anew.**

*GATHERING HYMN "What is this place" No. 1
Accompanist, Marcene Entz

*GATHERING PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Now thank we all our God" No. 86

*GREETING EACH OTHER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come Away to the Skies" -Parker Elbiata Singers
"I God A Home In-A Dat Rock" -Hogan

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING I Kings 1:5-31 Pastor Rosie Jantz

SERMON "Who is in Charge?" Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Leader 1: Who is in charge?

Leader 2: *The world belongs to the Lord our God.
The earth was shaped by God's hands.*

People: God alone is Ruler.

Leader 1: Who is in charge?

Leader 2: *Rulers come and rulers go.
Some seek justice while others wreak havoc.*

People: God alone is Ruler.

Leader 1: Who is in charge?

Leader 2: *God's law is superior.
The law of the Lord is our final authority.*

People: God's love is our authority.

Leader 1: Who is in charge?

Leader 2: *The love of God fulfills all the laws.
God's law of love is the final testimony.*

People: God's love is our authority.

Leader 1: Is God's law of love in charge?

Leader 2: *God's law of love is our guide.
God's law of love surrounds us.*

People: God alone is Ruler.

God's love is our authority.

**All: We worship the God who is in charge.
We worship the God of love.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" No. 324

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

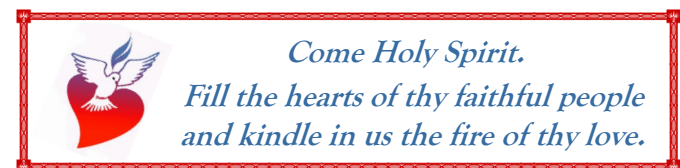
OFFERING OUR GIFTS "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" -Titcomb Elbiata

Sending

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace I Leave With You" -Shue Elbiata

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on the transition of kingship from David to Solomon (1 Kings 1-2). As with many transitions in our own lives, this transition was not smooth. However, these stories remind us to put our full trust in a God who is with us even through difficult life transitions.

We extend a special welcome to the Elbiata singers from Goessel High School who will be providing special music during this morning's worship service.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Rod and Ilona Abrahams and Grace Regier. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Kylee Unruh in the nursery during the worship service.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Lee Ratzlaff who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 8. Praise God for life well lived!



10:30—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Lentil Bread (2 Samuel 23:11-23)

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Catechism: Pastor Phil's Office
Bible Study: Rm. 113 Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's Office
Discussion: Rm. 112 & 211 Biblical People: Library

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

Sunday, January 19 - Tuesday, January 21

Tabor Serves at Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting

Newsletter items are due.

Wednesday, January 22

Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00—Supper *Please sign up for the meal*

Mennonite Heritage and Agriculture Museum will be serving the meal.

Plan to come and support the museum.

6:30—Sonbeams and Children's Music

6:40—Faithful Fitness

6:45—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

6:50—Faith Friends

7:00—TMYF

7:45—Adult Choir

Saturday, January 25

9:00 am - Noon—All Women: MCC craft morning. *See announcements.*

Next Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m.—Prelude.

9:15 a.m.—Next Sunday is our annual Ministry Reporting Sunday! Come ready to hear creative ministry reports from our Tabor church commissions during the morning worship service.

10:30 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. ***See announcements for details.***
The Drama Formation Station will return for February and March.
This station will meet in the Sanctuary.

Noon—Fundraiser meal served by Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on January 12.

- ★ Jerry Toews asked that we pray for all the people involved in the upcoming MCC sale.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Pray for our upcoming Ministry Reporting Sunday, that looking back on this past year to see how God has been working among our community would inspire us to join God at work in this new year.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Houston Mennonite Church as they develop plans to build new facilities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN are grieving many losses. Mark's father died Thanksgiving morning, and a special Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand colleague died a few weeks later. Yet another great sorrow is the loss of the 1643 Community house. Pray for comfort and hope for Mark and Mary.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College faculty member Tony Brown as he presents *I Go On Singing: A Tribute to Paul Robeson* on Monday in Goshen, Ind., for Hesston College and Goshen College alumni as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday activities.

Announcements

Ministry Reporting Sunday:

- On Sunday, January 26, we will spend time during our morning worship service looking back on the past year and hearing ministry reports from our church commissions on how they have seen and joined God at work. I hope that this will inspire us to join God in fresh ways in 2014!
- During the Faith Formation hour, we will take time for some worship leader equipping. Anyone who is in the rotation for Worship Leading, Scripture Reading, Children's Storying, and Music is highly encouraged to attend. If you are interested in any of these areas, you are welcome to attend as well. Other adults are invited to join the Discussion Formation Station in room 112. Children's Sunday School will continue as normal.
- Following Faith Formation we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal provided by the Tabor Youth Group. Monetary donations will go towards the Tabor Youth Ministry.
-Pastor Phil

The Women's Bible Study will be starting January 22, meeting from 9 -10 am for 6 weeks. All are invited to come as we seek to learn from the prayers Jesus prayed. This unique, in-depth look at the prayers of Jesus will give you new insights into the prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen your relationship with him. Any questions contact Brenda Buller 367-8334.

All women--come spend a fun morning making craft projects for MCC sale this Saturday, January 25 from 9-12. Coffee/tea/snacks & planned craft ideas hosted by Willing Helpers.

Jars Needed: The children's classes on Wednesday evening will be doing a service project in February. Wide mouth canning jars (quart size, with or without lids) are needed. If you have any to donate, put them in the supply room (16) in the basement. Thanks!

Save the date! Tabor's 2nd Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat will take place on March 21-23 at The Barn Bed and Breakfast Inn/Retreat Center (NE of Topeka). This retreat is open to married couples of all ages. More details to come.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Leann Toews home on January 28. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Anabaptist Visioning and Discipleship Series 2014: Are you interested in thinking more about how to make the Bible come alive? Join us at Hesston College on February 21-23 for an excellent weekend of interaction around the theme of "Reading the Bible in an Instagram World." Michele Hersberger, Marion Bontrager, Jeremy Kempf, and Ted Swartz will all be sharing throughout this weekend. If you are interested in going, **please sign up with Kim in the church office.** Cost is \$80/person, however, Tabor's Worship Fellowship and Education Commissions are offering \$40 scholarships for anyone wishing to attend. For information about the conference, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Annual Meeting, January 19. Today, area historian Brian Stucky will be the special speaker at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual meeting at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, rural Goessel. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a business meeting followed by Stucky's reflections on "Why the Stories Are Important." 2014 is the 140th anniversary year of Russian Mennonites settling in south central Kansas and the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the museum. The meeting will end with fasha.

Kansas MCC Relief Sale has some positions that need to be filled. You can make a difference in a hurting world by giving of your time. For details please see the MCC Relief Sale flyer found in boxes or emailed to you.

Additional announcements are on the Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or mailboxes. Additional sheets are in the literature rack in the foyer.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 12, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,274.65	Attendance	=	177
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 85.69	Attendance	=	65
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 12.11	Attendance	=	17