

Prophetic Vision: *Judah*



“You shall
have no
other gods
before me.”

Exodus 20:3

Year of the Bible

“Living into God’s Story”

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No. 13

Fourth Sunday in
Lent *Corruption*

Gathering / Praising

PFELUDE

Cross Road

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 135:1-5*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the name of the Lord;

Leader: Give praise, O servants of the Lord,
you that stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

**People: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.**

Leader: For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

**ALL: For we know that the Lord is great;
our Lord is above all gods!**

*GATHERING HYMN *“Sing praise to God who reigns”* No. 59
Diane Unruh, accompanist

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“All praise to our redeeming Lord”* No. 21

*PASSING THE PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you” ~ “and also with you.”

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kristin Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Don't Go"

Cross Road+

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 39:1-8
II Kings 20:21-21:6, 10-15

Kristi Unruh
Jim Schmidt

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"You Are What You Worship"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF RESPONSE *Psalms 135:15-18*

Leader: The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

People: They have mouths, but they do not speak;

Leader: they have eyes, but they do not see;

People: they have ears, but they do not hear,

Leader: and there is no breath in their mouths.

**All: *Those who make them and all who trust them
shall become like them.***

Leader: Free us, O God, from the worthless idols in our lives.

People: Free us, O God, into your loving embrace.

All: *Free us, O God, so that we may learn to truly live.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"If you believe and I believe"

No. 184CS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Children's coin offering for MCC*

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

Sending

*SENDING HYMN

"Come, walk with us"

No. 145CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Come Holy Spirit.

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

Today

Today we continue our journey through the Bible by focusing on corruption in the kingdom of Judah. Hezekiah's son, Manasseh, was perhaps Judah's worst king of all time. Hezekiah did his best to remove idolatry from Judah. Manasseh did his best to bring idolatry back. In the face of corruption and idolatry, how will a loving God respond?

Musicians: Diane Unruh, John Unruh, Elaine Unruh, Emil Schmidt, Roise Jantz, Doug Krehbiel and Jude Krehbiel.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane and Kristin Unruh and Harlin and Doris Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home after the church service for devotions and visiting followed by lunch.

11:00—Faith Formation for everyone.

Praying the Scriptures: Rm 17 Bible Discussion: Rm 112 & 211

Bible Study: Rm 113

Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's office

Drama: Sanctuary

Catechism: Pastor Phil's office

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.

12:00 p.m.—Soup and trimmings in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to a meal of soup and homemade bread. Please join us for fun and fellowship over our noon meal together!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 23, 2014

Offering	= \$4,311.01	Attendance	= 161
Adult S.S.	= \$ 37.25	Attendance	= 54
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 9.45	Attendance	= 17

This Week

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education meeting

Wednesday, April 2

Wednesday Evening Activities

6:00—Supper *Please sign up for meal*

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

Thursday, April 3

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch at Karen's Kitchen

Friday, April 4

6:30p.m.—Mennonite Heritage Museum Heritage Dinner at Tabor.

Hear Larry Hatteberg tell his stories about being "on the road". March 31 is the deadline for making reservations. Please call the museum at 367-8200 and leave a message or call Marj at 367-8534 or 747-2300.

Saturday, April 5

5:30p.m.—PCPF at Hesston Mennonite Church

Prayer Requests

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the flourishing of our church plants - Iglesia Camino de Santidad, Liberal, Grace Mennonite Fellowship, Gladewater TX, and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, Wichita.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayers of protection for members of the Colombia Mennonite Church as they engage in human rights ministry and provide support for displaced people.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Bethel College forensics squad as they prepare for the national tournament in early April and the annual "Forensics Road Show" performance Monday evening.

Next Sunday, April 6

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Worship. Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. Our theme comes from 2 Kings 23 where King Josiah decides to lay waste to the pagan idols infecting his kingdom and convict his people to worship the one true God. We will be challenged to smash our own idols and do the same.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone

Noon—Come one, come all! A community **fundraiser meal** for sending Goessel area seventh and eighth graders to **Camp WaShunGa** is scheduled for next Sunday, April 6, at 12 noon in the Goessel High School cafeteria. We will be serving sloppy joes, potato salad, potato chips, carrots and celery, and delicious homemade bar cookies. If you have any questions, contact Hope Greiser Graber (alexeyouth@mtelco.net, 316-215-1771).

Announcements

Share an Easter Lily in honor/memory of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Names of those to be honored along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, April 15 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church and left in the foyer by noon on April 19th.

Get Ready for Wednesday April 9!

—**The Annual Pine Car Derby** will be held in the Tabor Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. Weigh-in for cars begins at 6:30.

—**New this year: Senior Division Race.** Anyone 9th grade and older (including adults) is invited to bring a pine car they made in the past to compete in a separate race. This will be an exciting addition to our regular event to determine the fastest of the legacy cars!

—**Also new this year:** brand new track with four lanes and an electronic timer!

—**Cookies:** Volunteers are needed to bake cookies for the Derby. *Please sign up on the bulletin board.*

—**Adult Choir** will practice beginning at 7:30pm. No Adult Bible Study.

—**Everyone is invited to come and watch. You won't want to miss this year's derby!**

Bible School will be held from June 2-6. The theme for the week is "Welcome! Give and Receive God's Great Love!" We are in need of staff to help in a variety of ways. Krista Graber, Kristin Unruh, and Eunice Nickel will be available after the church services on March 30 and April 6 to sign up volunteers. Please consider helping with Bible School this summer!

Goessel Community Good Friday Service will be at 7:30 pm, Friday, April 18 at the Alexanderwohl Church. There will be an offering for the Ministerial Alliance followed with a time for worship and reflection. The service will include scripture readings with congregational and choral singing.

Coming up:

Coffee and Conversation: Senior adults, April 11, 9am, Alexanderwohl.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 17, 6pm

Good Friday Service: April 18, 7:30 pm at Alexanderwohl

Easter Sunday: April 20

Membership class in May: Contact Pastor Phil to be part of this class.

You Are What You Worship

2 Kings 21:1-18

"The Lord said through his servants the prophets: 'Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.'" (2 Kings 21:10-12)

"You are what you eat"

A Big Problem (2 Kings 21:1-11; see 17:7-20)

A Difficult Solution (2 Kings 21:12-15)

Digging Deeper (2 Kings 21:11)

I. Exodus 20:2-6

II. 2 Kings 17:7, 12, 15

III. Psalm 135:15-18

"You are what you worship"



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Worship: 9:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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