

## *Prophetic Vision:*



## *Judah Falls to Babylon*

# Year of the Bible

*“Living into God’s Story”*

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## *Prophetic Vision:*

*Judah Falls to Babylon - Faith Crisis of all Crises*

Gathering / Praising

PFELUDE

Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Luke Unruh

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Jeremiah 33:10-11*

Leader: The time is coming when once again you will hear laughter and celebration, marriage festivities and singing.

**People:** We will bring our thank offerings to the house of the LORD saying,  
give thanks to the LORD,  
for the LORD is good,  
and his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL:** *He will restore everything that was lost.  
The LORD will make all things new!*

\*GATHERING HYMN “All people that on earth do dwell” No. 42

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “I sing the mighty power of God” No. 46

\*GREETINGS AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Come Holy Spirit.*

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

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC *"In the rifted Rock, I'm resting"* Jerry and Leann Toews  
Donavon and Deloris Schmidt

SCRIPTURE *Selections from Jeremiah 21 & 52* Ron Schroeder  
*Selections from II Kings 24-25* Marcene Entz  
The word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON PART I *"We're not in Jerusalem anymore"* Pastor Rosie Jantz

PSALM 137 *"By the waters of Babylon"* Doug and Jude Krehbiel,  
Elaine Unruh, Emil Schmidt,  
Michael Unruh, Brian Voth

SERMON PART II *"Finding God in Exile"* Pastor Rosie Jantz

## Responding

WORDS OF RESPONSE  
*Seek God who may be found,  
call upon God who is near;  
let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Sovereign One,  
who will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Spirit of God! descend"* No. 502

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN *"Move in our midst"* No. 418

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue our journey through the Bible by focusing on Judah's fall to Babylon. They narrowly escaped Assyria's earlier attack, which led them to a false sense of security, rather than relying on God. Will their experience in Babylon be an opportunity for growth? The people have a choice – will it make them bitter or better?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Donavon and Deloris Schmidt and Emil and Vickie Schmidt. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Yvette Nickel in the nursery during the worship service.

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.

**10:45**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

**11:00**—Faith Formation for everyone. Catechism: Pastor Phil's office  
Praying the Scriptures: Rm 17 Bible Discussion: Rm 112 & 211  
Bible Study: Rm 113 Drama: Sanctuary

## This Week

### Tuesday, April 29

**12:30 p.m.**—Staff lunch and meeting

**7:30 p.m.**—Church council

### Wednesday, April 30

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**7:00 p.m.**—TMYF

—Joint Deacon meeting at Alexanderwohl

### Thursday, May 1

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

**7:30 p.m.**—Education Committee

### Saturday, May 3

**8:00 a.m.**—Spring Work Day

## Next Sunday, May 4

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Week we will reflect on the extreme suffering present during exile. While most of us don't live in exile today, many of us can resonate with similar moments of grief and suffering. Scripture for reflection will be from the book of Lamentations. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

**12:00 p.m.**—Faith Formation Event at Gayle Funk's home

**3:00 p.m.**—Quarterly Fellowship Event at Sand Creek Trail, N. Newton

***See announcements for details on afternoon events.***

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on April 20.*

- ★ Erlene Unruh praised God for wonderful worship services during Holy Week. Thanks be to God!
- ★ After serving at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter in the past week, Brent Abrahams reiterated that the Shelter is in need of funds to continue their ministry. He asked people to consider giving to this significant ministry in our community. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our church planters: Byron Pellecer in Wichita, KS, Moises Romero in Liberal, KS and Karen and Steve Mascho in Gladewater, TX. Pray for the gathering of Mennonites at the national church planting event Exponential in Orlando, FL, April 28-May 1. Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, will be attending.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Adam and Jeanette Strode of MMN are beginning full-time language and culture study in preparation for an assignment with a community-based ministry in Bangkok, Thailand. Pray for them in this time of transition and intense learning as they build relationships.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Today has been designated Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) giving Sunday. Pray that congregations will give generously to support this vital program which is training Hispanic church leaders throughout the U.S.

**Coming this summer!**  
**Reliving, singing, telling and walking.**

## Announcements

**Thank you** for the cards and prayers for us the last four weeks. Jerry is home now and receiving Home Health Care therapy. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. We greatly appreciated it.

~Jerry and Darlene Schroeder

### **A Tabor Outreach Executive has recently been formed.**

The members are Pastor Phil, Denise Nickel, Kristin Schmidt, Phyllis Goertzen and Brent Abrahams. At a recent meeting, we discussed what areas of Outreach our Tabor members are involved in. In the Directory on the Outreach page a number of the ministries are listed but we don't think it is complete. If you are doing Outreach that is not listed in the directory, please write down your name and what you are involved with, and put the information in Pastor Phil's mailbox. Thanks!

**Tabor Worship Services Online!** To listen, simply go to Tabor's website ([www.tabormennonite.org](http://www.tabormennonite.org)) and click on the "Sunday Worship/Sermons" link from the homepage.

**Summer Camps!** Are you planning on going to Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Camp this summer? Sign up on the bulletin board to receive a scholarship from the Tabor Education Commission. Pay your registration fee in full and you will be reimbursed \$50 when you sign up. Note: early registration discount for Camp Mennoscah ends on May 1.

**Spring Work Day:** The trustee's are planning our annual spring work day for May 3, starting at 8:00 am. Please plan to attend and help out as there will be something for everyone.

**Faith Formation:** May 4 - Noon lunch at Gayle Funk's home for Summer Faith Formation Leaders. We are launching our new summer plan for children age 3 through grade 8. Please RSVP to Pastor Rosie by Wednesday April 30. Come to eat, see, listen, learn and get excited with us!  
~ the Christian Faith Formation team

**Afternoon at the Trail:** Join us for an afternoon on the Sand Creek Trail in North Newton on Sunday, May 4, at 3:00. Come experience some time outdoors in God's creation! Walk or run along the trail, participate in a photo scavenger hunt, explore near the creek, or just relax in the shade with friends and family. Trail mix and drinks will be provided by the Quarterly Fellowship Committee. Items to bring:

- lawn chair (picnic tables and benches also available for sitting)
- digital camera if you have one (for photo scavenger hunt, NOT necessary to participate!)
- empty cup or container for trail mix and drink (cups will also be available)

Directions: Turn east off K-15/Main St. at Thresher Stadium in North Newton and continue east past the stadium, Goering Hall, and the tennis courts. After the tennis courts, the drive will bend slightly to the right and continue toward a metal maintenance shed. Parking is limited right at the trail head, but is also available right by the tennis courts. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Michael Unruh (unruhmc@gmail.com, 620-382-6560), Sarahanne Unruh, or Katy Schmidt.

**The Country Gospel Piano CD** of your "Old Time Hymn Favorites" has been re-ordered and are now available. The CD's are FREE, but a donation of \$20 to MCC is needed to take advantage of the FREE offer. See Jerry or Leann. Make checks out to: "MCC Sale" or cash. The sale of this CD at the MCC Sale raised \$2000 and we would like to raise another \$2000 for MCC. Let your friends who love gospel piano music know. THANKS, Jerry.

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** will be in concert at Central Community Church 6100 West Maple St., Wichita, KS Sunday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. They will also be in concert at Memorial Hall on the campus of Bethel College in N. Newton, KS on Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. The third concert will be at Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS on Sunday, June 8, 4:30 p.m. in a joint concert with Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus.

**Give Blood!** April 28, 2:15-5:15pm, the donor coach will be at Goessel Church. If you're a faithful donor, have given previously but not for awhile now, or if you've never given before please make a plan to join the life-savers and give.

**Save The Date:** the annual backyard mini-music festival known as Song on the Lawn will be Sunday, June 8. Mark your calendar, invite friends and family and plan to enjoy an evening of music at WillowSpring Downs, all to benefit MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

April 20, 2014

Offering = \$4,542.25 Attendance = 243



#### Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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