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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: LIVING INTO THE REALITY OF JESUS March 8, 2015

Prelude

Gathering Song: HWB no. 6,

Here in This Place

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome
Passing the Peace

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (sins/sinned against us)

Call to Authenticity

L: Jesus, You enter the Temple to cleanse and restore, to purify and redeem.

P: God's House is to be a place of prayer and we have made it a den of thieves.

L: It is the same with the human heart. There You enter to cleanse and restore, to purify and redeem.

P: And, there to, we have resisted You, storing up in our hearts the things of this world rather than the things of God.

L: Drive out from us all that is not of You.

Silence

L: Jesus, help us to live into the reality of Your grace.

P: With hearts now cleansed, mold and make us, vessels of Your Spirit, people of Your peace.

Hymn: HWB no. 405, Where Cross the Crowded Ways

Children's Time:Brave and Courageous

Scripture Reading:John 2: 13-22 (Pew Bible p. 561) **Silent Meditation**

Hymn: STJ no. 30, Jesus Christ is Waiting

Message: Civil Disobedience

A Time of Reflection

- 1. What does Jesus action mean for us as disciples of Jesus who are seeking to live into His reality? How does Daniel Bonnell's painting on our bulletin cover speak to this new reality?
- 2. Do you find that your life in Christ is at odds with the world? If not, why not? How might this affect our witness for Jesus?
- 3. What is love compelling you to do *today*? How can you share this pearl of great price with others?

Hymn: HWB no. 255, Open Are the Gifts of God

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Call to Commitment

L: Jesus calls us to live into His reality, and to receive the Kingdom of God.

P: In His presence and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we go forth to overturn those things that make our communities "dens of thieves" that they might become communities of prayer and peace.

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Dave Friesen (guitar), Edie Tschetter (accompanist), Jaden Thomas (lighting of the peace lamp), Jill Hofer (song leader), John Clem (worship leader), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- · Melvin Hofer
- · Pastor Max Villatoro and Family
- · Pastor Ken Dalke
- · Heather VanMeveren
- · Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC): Next Saturday, the Pastoral Leadership Committee meets in Des Moines. Pray for them as they conduct credentialing interviews.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of MMN are using Alpha courses in Bolivia to strengthen existing Mennonite congregations and to lay the ground-work for new ones. Pray that God will water the seeds they are planting and that people will receive Jesus' healing and hope in their lives.
- · Additional Prayers:

TODAY - Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00am: Gathering 58: 6

Greeters: Les & Mary Rensink **Coffee Time:** Mildred Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

MW March Project: Hygiene Kits (see *Connection!* for details)

Children's S.S. Spring Quarter Project: First Fruit Community Gardens

NEXT SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Todd & Suzanne Koerner **Accompanist:** Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader:

Song Leader: Joline Thomas

Coffee Time: John & Deloris Stahl

12:00pm: I-G Sponsored Potluck and Songfest

THIS WEEK

Mon.: Prayer Shawl -7:00pm

Tues.: Deacons Meeting — 7:00pm (Parsonage)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 17: Pastor-Peer — 9:15am (Sioux Falls)

Mar. 19: Church Board—7:30pm

Mar. 29-Apr. 1: Holy Week Services feat. Marlene Kropf -7:00pm

Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion — 7:00pm

The Intergenerational class is sponsoring a **Songfest March 15**. We will have a **pot luck** after Sunday School followed by a time of singing together. Our theme for the time of singing is Happiness. If you have suggestions of happy songs you would like to sing, give them to Les Rensink. Emails welcome les@goldenwest.net, or drop a note in my mail box. ~ Les

SCHMECKFEST:

- **Kuchen Prep: March 6 & 11, 1-7pm or 8pm**, Pioneer Hall this is to prepare the fillings needed for the kuchens that will be baked at the Tyndall Bakery; come for all or part of a shift; need 4-6 people/shift; donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc., as well as cash are welcome
- · Kuchen Baking: Mar. 7 & 12; need about 10 people each day in Tyndall; contact

Vernetta Waltner at 321-7351, 925-7620 or waltners@hotmail.com to volunteer your time in any of these ways. **Cash donations** to defray the costs for kuchen can be given to Debra Schmeichel or any area Schmeckfest food committee member.

- · **Heritage Hall Museum needs hosts** to assist visitors during both weekends. Hosting is a fun, simple job and can be done with a partner so bring a friend! Contact Kelsey Ortman at 605-421-1318 or <a href="mailto:emailto:
- · "The Freeman Academy Auxiliary appreciates everyone who has volunteered to work at Schmeckfest. **We still have 60 positions to fill** in the areas of table service, clearing and resetting. If you are willing to help, or have suggestions of possible workers, please contact Debra Schmeichel at ssag@goldenwest.net or 648-3430. Thank you!"
- The **Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items** for March 20, 21, 27, and 28. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish, and summer s savory sell especially well. Items should be marked.
- · LaVonne Meyer, SDSU **Food Safety Field Specialist**, will give a presentation in the Freeman Academy Chapel at **2:25 p.m**. on Wednesday, **March 18**. Anyone from the community who is working with food prep for Schmeckfest, MCC Sale or other fundraising events is welcome to attend.
- · The Auxiliary executive committee is in need of extra help next week to assist with cleaning the Maintenance Building and setting up Sterling Hall in preparation for Schmeckfest. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to help us with Schmeckfest preparations.
- · On **Wednesday, March 11** we **need 4-6 people** to clean in the Maintenance Building beginning at **1:00 p.m**. This will involve sweeping, washing floors, wiping down walls, etc.
- · On **Saturday, March 14** we **need 6-8 people** to assist with setting up tables and moving appliances for the demonstrations in Sterling Hall. Other work will involve cleaning windows in The Link and downstairs in the Dining Hall & Kitchen. Work will begin at **9 a.m.** and may last until noon or early afternoon. Coffee and a variety of snacks will be provided. Please contact Sharon Waltner at kswaltner@goldenwest.net or 648-3224 if you are available either or both of those days. Thank you for your help in preparing for Schmeckfest! We hope to have some fun and fellowship as we work together.

"Service doesn't have to wait! Join Youth Venture this summer to serve and learn with Mennonite youth from Lithuania, Ecuador, Japan, and France. Apply by April 1 for international locations. Ages 16-22 can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve."

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job description at http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.

About the Bulletin Cover Art and Artist:

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Daniel Bonnell lives in Savannah, Georgia where he continues to create art that seeks to, in his own words, "reflect on the ultimate human need to fulfill an intrinsic longing that extends from birth to death. Simply put, it is a need to be held. My art symbolically speaks to this notion, especially with darkness (black) embracing light (color), with negative space enclosing positive space, and with texture calling out to be touched." As you continue our Lenten journey, we invite you to meditate upon Bonnell's work as you prayerfully engage our theme, *Living into the Reality of Jesus*.