
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN

Mennonite Church

Rooted in Jesus. Growing in Faith. Branching out in Love.

August 26, 2018

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Song: HWB #6 "Here in This Place"

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Praising God's Name . . .

"What a Beautiful Name"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-15

Message: How Have You Moved Through Change?

Communion-"One Voice"

HWB #471 "Eat This Bread"

Litany of Release

Responding...

STJ #95 "Jesus Has Done So Much For Me"

Benediction

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team members, either after worship or during the week. Elder Team members are: Carol Gerber, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King, Leon Miller and Michael Stutzman.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **30 Second Testimonies** Worship Leader: **Jeff Hochstetler**
Song Leader: **Jesse Miller** Audio & Visual: **Dustin Yoder**
Usher: **Myron Yoder**
Greeters: **Albert & Julie Miller** Next Week: **Bob & Susan Slagle**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 223 Sunday School: 105
General Fund: \$12,029.62 College Student Aid: \$500.00
Alexis: \$500.00 Visitation: \$1,000.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

September 30- Baby Shower for Jesse & Lisa Miller, 2-4pm
October 2-30- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30am-11am
October 14- Annual Business Meeting, carry in meal following worship

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Ethel Mumaw, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

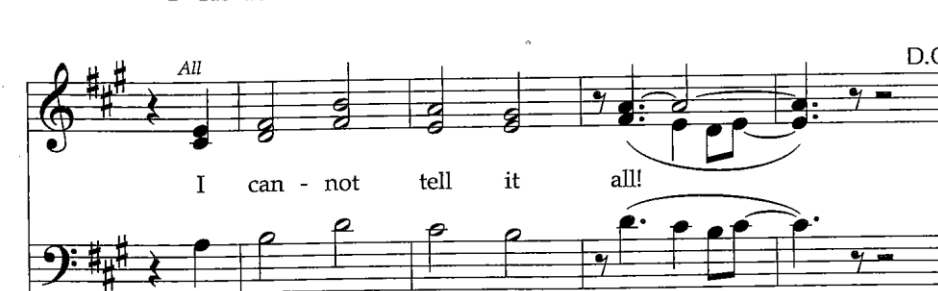
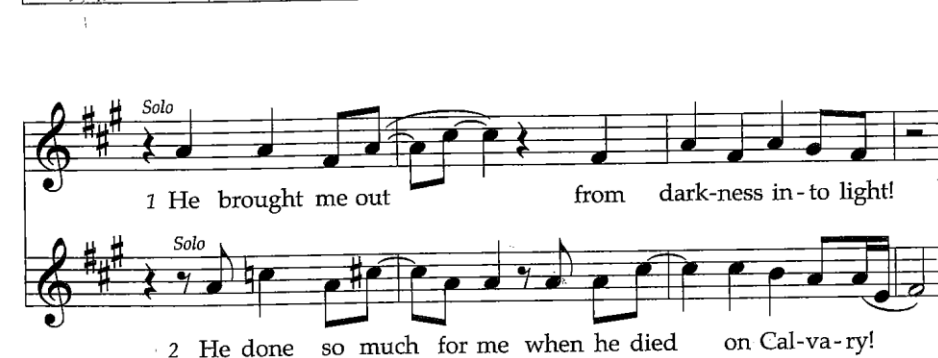
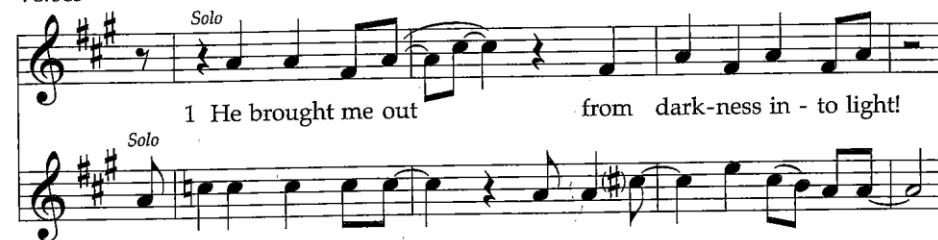
Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erikson.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Sam Kurtz; Jean Lefurgey.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Paul and Serena Manickam of Mennonite Mission Network, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.



Verses



95 Jesus has done so much for me

Refrain  I CANNOT TELL IT ALL* Irregular with refrain



Je - sus has done so much for me, I

(melody)

can-not tell it all! I can-not tell it all!

Je - sus has done so much for me, I

can - not tell it all! 1-3 (1st time: D.C.) To verses

I can - not tell it all! I

Final

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **To our friends and family at BMC,** The overwhelming love shown to us last Sunday is something we will always remember. The kind words, the quilt, gifts of money, and each candle lit remembering aspects of our ministry is something we hold dear to our hearts. As we move to this new season of our lives, our prayer is that both our love and your Love for Jesus is constant and that our friendship remains. Thank you & God Bless! Myron & Sheryl
- **Brown Bag Thursdays continue** this Thursday, August 30th from 11am-1 pm! Bring a bagged lunch and have lunch at the pavilion. This is a time to visit and meet with others from the community. Log Cabin Express will be on site during this time. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to join us!
- **No Sunday School** on September 2nd. September 2nd is Labor Day and we will have a light snack in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **We are looking for volunteers** to teach Sunday School for the new school year. Sunday School begins September 9. We plan to have teams of three teachers. Class rosters and sign-ups are in the foyer. Thank you to all current volunteers!
- **A Ladies Bible Study** will be offered this fall right here at Berlin Mennonite! Mark your calendars for Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am beginning October 2 and ending October 30. Workbooks are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Caron.
- **Electronic Funds Transfer:** Keep in mind that Berlin Mennonite provides the option for donors to set up automatic bank transfers as a way for weekly/monthly giving. There is no charge to the donor. For details look for the forms that are located outside the church office or contact Jill Basinger, BMC Treasurer. Thanks!

FAITH TALK

Leviticus 25:8-55: "Jubilee"

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story.

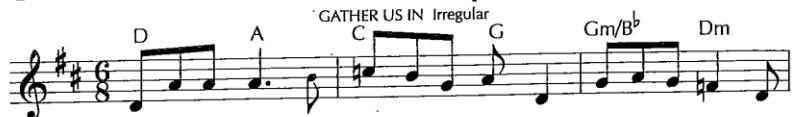
- (1) Read Leviticus 25:8-12. What things were the people to do (or not do) in the fiftieth year?
- (2) Talk about an item you share as a family. How do you share fairly? What else do you want your family to be fair about?
- (3) Pick fruit or vegetables from a self-pick farm or your garden, and invite someone to share the food with you.

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "Creation sings."

Did you know? "Jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobhel* meaning "ram."

Prayer for the week: *God, be close to those who don't have enough to eat. a safe place to live, or a loving family to take care of them. Amen. 3*

Here in this place



1 Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young-our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old-who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way. See, in this space, our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, but here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the King-dom, now is the day.



Gath-er us in-the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in-the
 Gath-er us in-the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in-the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in-and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in-and



blind and the lame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own. Gath-er us in-all peo-ples to-geth-er,

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we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Leader: Do you (congregation) release Myron and Sheryl from their responsibilities here at Berlin Mennonite?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you (congregation) offer your encouragement for Myron and Sheryl's ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Vows of Release

Leader: Do you Myron and Sheryl, release this congregation from turning to you and depending on you as pastor?

Myron and Sheryl: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you (Myron and Sheryl) offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and for the relationship this congregation will develop with another who will come to serve after you?

Myron and Sheryl: We do, with the help of God.

Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. O God, for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith, we express our sincere gratitude. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Myron and Sheryl in worship, in learning, in service, and in Christian living. We pray that she/he will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as Myron moves to new work and they both serve in a new congregation in the name of Christ.

All: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Farewell Litany

Vows of Release

Leader: Our church family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with Myron and Sheryl who are leaving.

Ending a Ministry

Leader: On August 6th of 2012, this congregation called *Myron Weaver* to serve as pastor and Sheryl Weaver to walk with him in that journey.

Myron: I thank Berlin Mennonite, its members and friends for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 6 years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your gifts and your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Myron: I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Sheryl: I also thank Berlin Mennonite, its members and friends for the love, kindness and support shown to me these last 6 years. I am grateful for the ways you have accepted my gifts and work in this congregation during this time.

All: Sheryl, we express our gratitude for your time among us and for the gifts of ministry you shared with us. Your influence on our lives will not leave us at your departure.

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is
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What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Eat this bread

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Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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