

WHEREVER WE ARE

Reading the story of the transfiguration, I would always imagine the mountaintop, its beauty and silence, the “retreat” nature of the disciples’ journey with Jesus. Of course, it is good to be here! That is, until I read the story again after Hurricane Katrina. Then I began to wonder how a displaced family from the Gulf Coast could say, “It is good to be here”—wherever “here” is—in the Astrodome, or a shelter, or a cheap motel, or the home of strangers.

How can we say “It is good for us to be here” in all the different circumstances of our lives? The story of the transfiguration is told not to encourage us to go to the mountaintop with Jesus, but for us to realize that our world has been transformed because we have seen the true nature of Christ.

For many, Hurricane Katrina revealed a side of America that wasn’t pretty. The world changed for those who learned about the persistence of poverty and racism, even in one of our great cities. Katrina also revealed the overwhelming generosity of a nation and people who gave millions of dollars, tons of relief goods, and countless acts of caring following the storm.

What is the true nature of America? We can’t know this, or any other truth about our world, until we follow the command of God as Jesus was transfigured: “Listen to him.”

Christ is revealed. Our world has changed. We are listening to him. Now “here”—wherever that is—is a good place for us to be.

—Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford
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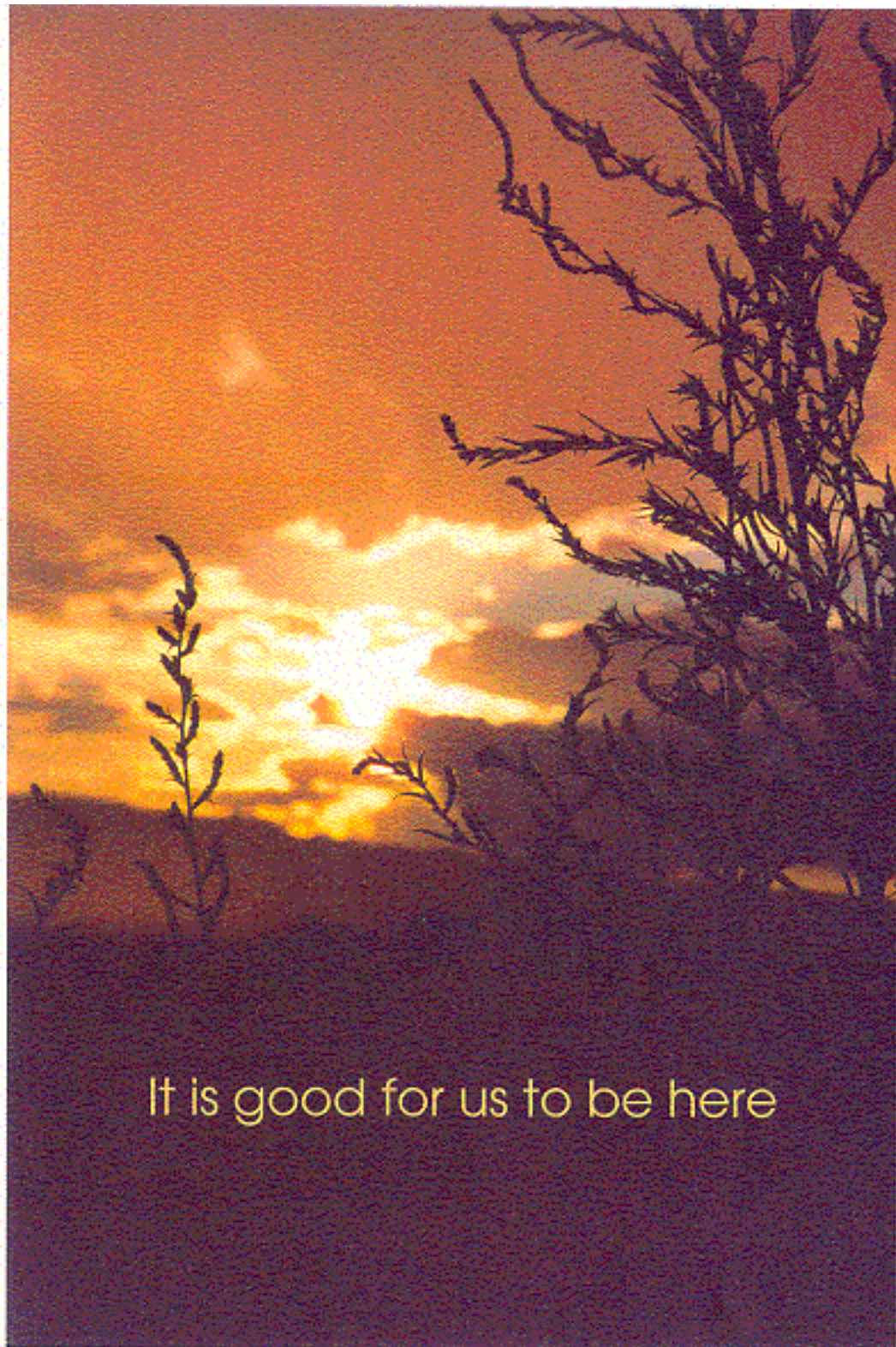
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Text for Today

Mark 9:2-9 (5)

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 2406



It is good for us to be here



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 January 29, 2006
 9:30 a.m. Worship



SCRIPTURE Psalms 122 and I Timothy 3:14-16

MESSAGE "The Purpose of God's House"

*CLOSING HYMN *Count Your Blessings (See Insert)*

*BENEDICTION

* - Please Stand, if you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN # 102 *To God be the Glory*

*INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY # 119

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *More Love to Thee (See Insert)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE HYMN # 327 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY:

Message	Pete Aberson
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Val
Greeter	The Dager Family
Adult Sunday School	Marcene Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

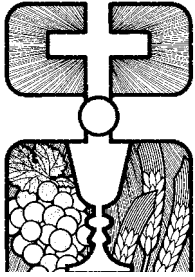
SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, February 5:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	
Music	Lisa Mace
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Greeter	Sandi Cox
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann, Brianna, Doug, Laurean, Sandi, and Vicki

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Mary Wille
Ann Evans	Don Vermilyea
Linda Beal	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Phillip Riecks
Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Sioux City	

OUT REACH MINISTRIES



Body & Soul are jointly nourished through a fellowship meal, and spiritual exploration.

Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..." is the spirit behind providing to those who need it.



Kinship

The program is designed to match adults with children ages 5 to 18 to foster a mentoring atmosphere.

2005 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator:

Linda Adams

Deacons

Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Adult Sunday School Coordinator

Jo Rolston

Auditor

Alan Cox - 2005
Marcene Cox - 2006

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Michele Elder
Brianna Kane

Children's S/S Coordinator

Laurean Clover

Clerk

Jo Rolston

District Conference Del.

Darius Elder

Ministerial Committee

Ross Cox - 2005
Rhelma Evans - 2006
Jo Rolston - 2006
Marcene Cox - 2007
Steve Dagel - 2008

Nominating Committee

Scott Maggert - 2005
Sandi Cox - 2006
Laurean Clover - 2007
Alan Cox - 2008

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

Body & Soul (Sept. - May) Wednesdays,

6:30 & 7:30 pm

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Christ's Cupboard:

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Kinship Community, Inc:

www.kcimentors.org

Parsonage Committee

Liz Elder - 2005
Ann Maggert - 2006
Sue Phillips - 2007

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Ushers

Mark Bilsland
Eli Clover
Val Clover
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

Anniversaries and Birthdays for January

Anniversaries

21- Clarence & Rhelma Evans

23 - Darius & Liz Elder

Birthdays

02 - Ann Maggert

03 - Arline English

04 - April Fox

05 - Doug Osterbuhr

Helen VanKekerix

06 - Caitlin Jans

08 - Thomas Harder

10 - Michael Keller

15 - Jerry Rolston

Janice Fritts

16 - Michelle Harder

Myron Rolston

18 - Julie Dumar

22 - Toni Clemmens

25 - Doyle Rolston

28 - Ron Brinkman

29 - Elmer VanKekerix

31 - Samuel Maggert

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Pete Aberson this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests this morning. May today's service be an inspiration to all.

Reminders

Please sign-up for Sunday worship leader (when needed), children's message, greeter, and monthly janitorial duties. The sheet for these important duties is posted on the bulletin board for sign-ups and reference.

Phone Tree

Please put your name and telephone number on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board by Sunday, Feb. 19. We need to update this list. Thank-you.

Unity Service

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. Parkview Assembly will host a unity service with speaker Bryan Lagerstan, intern pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The special offering will go to the Family Crisis Center.

Brethren Heritage

If there is sufficient interest, a series of Sunday School lessons about Brethren Heritage is being planned for the quarter beginning March 5. It will be an interactive series featuring discussion and videos about our denomination. The discussion will be led by Alan Cox. Please express your interest about this to Sunday School Superintendent Jo Rolston.

Guest Speakers

February 5 - David Loveall (Communion)

February 12 - Dyan Sterk

February 19 - Bill Schoonover

February 26 - Bill Schoonover

March 5 -

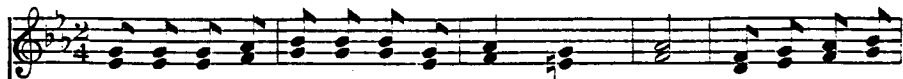
March 12 - Matt Morrison

Count Your Blessings

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Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1856-1926

Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921



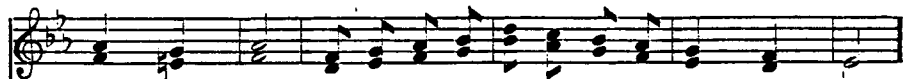
1. When up-on life's bil-lows you are tem - pest - tossed, When you are dis-
2. Are you ev - er bur-dened with a load of care? Does the cross seem
3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has
4. So, a - mid the con-flict, wheth-er great or small, Do not be dis-

1. you are tem-pest



cour-aged, think-ing all is lost, Count your man-y bless-ings, name them
heav - y you are called to bear? Count your man-y bless-ings, ev - ery
prom-ised you His wealth un - told; Count your man-y bless-ings, mon - ey
cour-aged, God is o - ver all; Count your man-y bless-ings, an - gels

think-ing all is

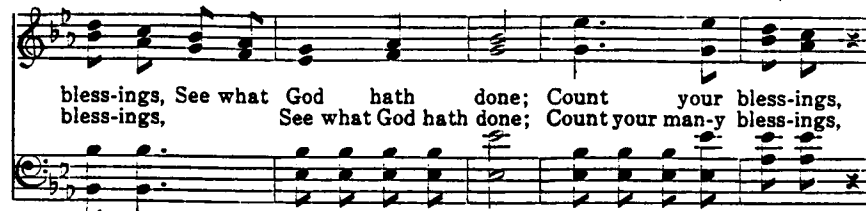


one by one, And it will sur-prise you what the Lord hath done.
doubt will fly, And you will be sing-ing as the days go by.
can - not buy Your re-ward in heav-en, nor your home on high.
will at - tend, Help and com-fort give you to your jour - ney's end.
name them one by what the Lord hath

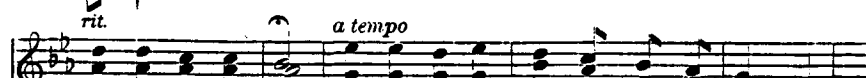
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Count your bless-ings, Name them one by one; Count your
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bless-ings, See what God hath done; Count your bless-ings,
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Name them one by one; Count your man-y bless-ings, See what God hath don

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This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more. Phil. 1:9

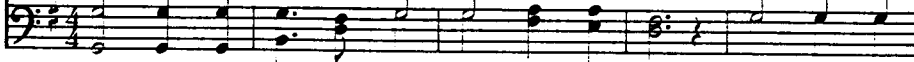
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Elizabeth P. Prentiss, 1856

William H. Doane, 1870



1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee a -
3. Let sor - row do its work, Send grief and pain; Sweet are Thy
4. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise; This be the



prayer I make On bend - ed knee; This is my ear - nest plea:
lone I seek, Give what is best; This all my prayer shall be:
mes - sen - gers, Sweet their re - frain, When they can sing with me:
part - ing cry My heart shall raise; This still its prayer shall be:



More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee! A-men.