

JUST LISTEN!

For all his faults, bluster, and bravado, and the shame that went along with them, Peter was an enthusiastic man of action. On the mountaintop with Jesus, the three disciples saw something amazing. Peter knew he had seen something important, so he immediately blurted out plans for a mountaintop campout with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Okay, it wasn't a good plan, but the disciples were dumbfounded. At least Peter did something, however frivolous.

From the cloud God replied, "Don't just do something! Listen to my beloved Son!" If the disciples had been terrified before, God's voice certainly got their attention. Now they were listening.

Peter reminds me of myself. When I should be listening, I am planning my response. But recently I have learned that listening is hearing with understanding. Last spring, my work with On Earth Peace began with a long, cross-country bus trip. At each stop, I listened as people told stories about witnessing for peace. In turn, I shared my story. It was a richly spiritual experience—the most meaningful of my life.

Listening lies at the heart of spiritual encounter. Forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace begin with listening. There is so little of any of these in life today. How poorly we listen to one another. But listening can be learned. Everybody has a story to tell. Listen to the stories of others, and then tell your own, as they listen. Don't filter or evaluate what they say. Just listen. If you do, Jesus will join the conversation.

—Michael Colvin, BVS volunteer
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Text for Today

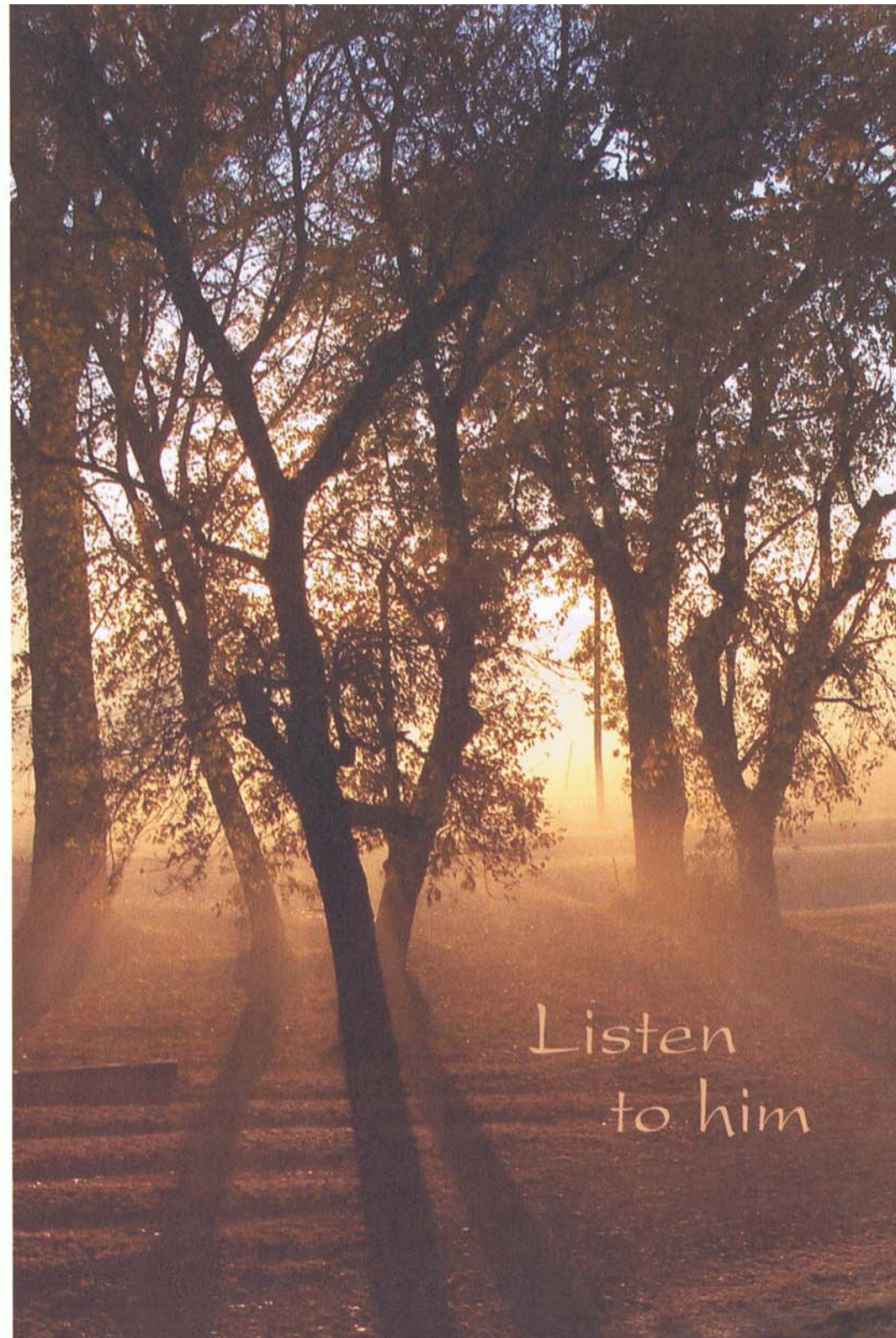
Mark 9:2-9 (7)

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.



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Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 February 22, 2009
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP #812 (responsive reading)

*GATHERING HYMN #589 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #37 *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
 "The Burning Bush"

FILL THE ARK - Gathering of quarters

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #79 *Lord, With Devotion We Pray*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Des Moines, IA Stover Memorial Church
 Praying For Us: Preston, MN Root River Church

SCRIPTURE Genesis 11:1-9

MESSAGE "Kocham Cie"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #553 *I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, February 22:

Message	C.J. Wurpts
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Marcene Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, March 1:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Rev. David Loveall (back surgery)
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Joyce Adkins (shoulder surgery)
UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie	Pete Aberson (back)
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Mary Fike (cancer)
Those Serving in the Military	Ann Evans
Our Community	Clarence and Rhelma (fire)
Linda Beal	

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
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Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

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Sandi Cox

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Scott Maggert
Sally Young

Children's Message
Marcene Cox

Children's Sunday School
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Church Sign
Alan Cox

Custodial Care
Members take monthly turns

Farm Trustee
Ross Cox

Fellowship Time
Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Lawn Care
Jared Cox
Jed Cox
Ross Cox

Messenger Agent
Donna Brinkman

Ministerial Committee
Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Anniversaries and Birthdays for February

Birthdays

02 - Nancy Osterbuhr
05 - Paul Rolfsmeier
15 - Jed Cox
17 - Keenan Rolston
Ruth Evans

21 - River Fox

29 - Jim Houtsma Jr.

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 CJ Wurpts this morning.

Welcome to all members and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to receive the Light; Depart to let it shine!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Spiritual Life" from Matthew 13:1-23. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Devotional

The March-April *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

Community

March 9 - United Methodist Men's Pancake Supper, 5-7 p.m., church basement. Adults \$5; Pre-School free. This fundraiser is for youth camp.

Guest Speakers

Mar. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

March 8 - Pete Aberson

March 15 -

March 22 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

March 29 - Rev. David Loveall

April 5 - NWC Worship Team (Palm Sunday)

April 9 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas (Love Feast)

April 12 - Easter