

2 Samuel 6:1-5, [6-11], 12-19 (NRSV)

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

⁶ *When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. ⁷ The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. ⁸ David was angry because the LORD had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah, to this day. ⁹ David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?" ¹⁰ So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. ¹¹ The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.*

¹² It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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In Christ –
Making Disciples through
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship August 1, 2021 Holy? or Horrific?

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Keith Harder
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 855	Keith Harder
*Prayer		
*Hymn of Gathering	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship	VT 29
The First Lesson		2 Samuel 6:1-5
Hymn	Praise God (Dedication Anthem)	VT 70
Time for Children		Judy Harder

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
<i>The Second Lesson</i>		2 Samuel 6:6-12a
Hymn	My God, My God	VT 696

LISTENING

The Third Lesson		2 Samuel 6:12b-19
Sermon	Holy? or Horrific?	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)	VT 111
Sending	The Lord Your God Is with You	VT 173
Postlude		

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!

Care Meeting is this Wednesday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

The Hillsboro Senior Center is holding a fundraiser Friday, August 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Stop by for homemade pie and ice cream plus music by Bob and the Boys! Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

The family of Chuck Abrahams sent a note to share with the church family this week. You may find it posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton! Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Peaches are available in 10lb boxes for \$25 and 18lb boxes for \$35. **Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2 (payment must be made before the end of day on August 2 or your order will be canceled).** Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

Peppernuts at FMC! Our peppernuts project is coming up soon! We will begin on Friday, Aug. 6. **Note that our dates have changed. They will now be Fri Aug 6, Sat Aug 7, Fri Aug 13, and Sat Aug 14.** A whole variety of tasks are involved, some that take good arm strength and others that involve a more relaxing arranging of dough on a cookie sheet. There is something for everyone! Please notify Kara at secretary@fmchillsboro.com or 620.947.5662 if you would like to help.

REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. FMC desires to support FMC members and members' children who attend a Mennonite college or who choose to receive a seminary education. If you are interested in applying for such financial support (tuition) for the 2021-2022 academic year, contact Doug Miller.

Some of you may have been expecting the June-July-August Rejoice! devotional and have found what looks like the previous

months' issue. To clarify, the issue on the magazine rack IS correct; a print error occurred, but just peek inside for the latest devotionals!

Join Jerusalem Seminar this winter! Bethel College and Tabor College are again sponsoring a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, from December 26, 2021, to January 15, 2022. The trip will be led by Dr. Doug Miller and will include two dozen biblical sites, such as Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, and much more. There is currently room for additional persons to participate. If interested, contact Dr. Miller immediately at 620.947.2439 or dougm@tabor.edu. Cost is estimated at \$4700 per person.