

January 20, 2008

From such actions at the present time will inevitably follow nothing but the cross and misery, as the anti-Christ will still rage against the members of Jesus Christ. One must, therefore, first carefully count the cost if one will follow after the Lord Jesus in all the trials which will certainly follow from this.

—Ernest Christopher Hochmann von Hochenau,
18th Century Pietist leader

Gathering

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship:

David Young

One: We celebrate 300 years of faith and witness
of the Church of the Brethren.

All: *We affirm our faith in and loyalty to
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

One: We celebrate the rich witness of individuals,
congregations, and the denomination over three centuries.

All: *We give all praise and honor
and thanks to God today.*

One: We also sense the great challenge
God has in store for us in the years ahead
and accept eagerly God's invitation
to meet those challenges.

All: *Lord, give us the courage and strength
to fulfill your mission in the days
and years to come. Amen.*

*Invocation:

Carol Spicher Waggy

Praising and Adoring

***Hymn:** *Holy Spirit, come with power* #26
First Scripture Reading: *Micah 6: 8, The Message*
Songs of Praise: *What does the Lord require* #1098 (HS)
I have decided to follow Jesus #1061 (HS)

Affirming Faith

Brethren Heritage Rap George Bowers

Proclaiming

Children's story David Hovde
Scriptures: *Luke 14: 25-33*
Message: *Counting the Cost of Discipleship 300 years later*
Hymn: *Count well the cost* #437

Confessing and Praying

“For this we rejoice...”
“For this we pray...”
Prayer for all God's children

Offering and Witnessing

Invitation to Giving: Earle W. Fike, Jr.
Offertory Heather Eicher-Miller
***Offertory Response:** *Lord, bless the hands* #93
***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *Take my life and let it be* #389
***Benediction:** Lorene Moore
***Sending Christ's light out into the world**
***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.