

Seeing & Following

(Mark 10:46-52)

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Approaching a Destination

Healing a Blind Beggar (Mark 10:46-52)

I. **Introduction** (46)

- a. Leaving Jericho: *Next stop, Jerusalem*
- b. Blind Beggar: *Son of Honor, Bartimaeus*

II. **Confession** (47-48)

- a. Confession: *“Son of David, Jesus”*
- b. Exhortation: *“have mercy on me!”*

III. **Call** (49-50)

- a. Call: *“Call him here.”*
- b. Response: *cloak, sprang, came*

IV. **Question** (51)

- a. Question: *“What do you want me to do for you?”*
- b. Response: *“My teacher let me see again.”*

V. **Commission** (52)

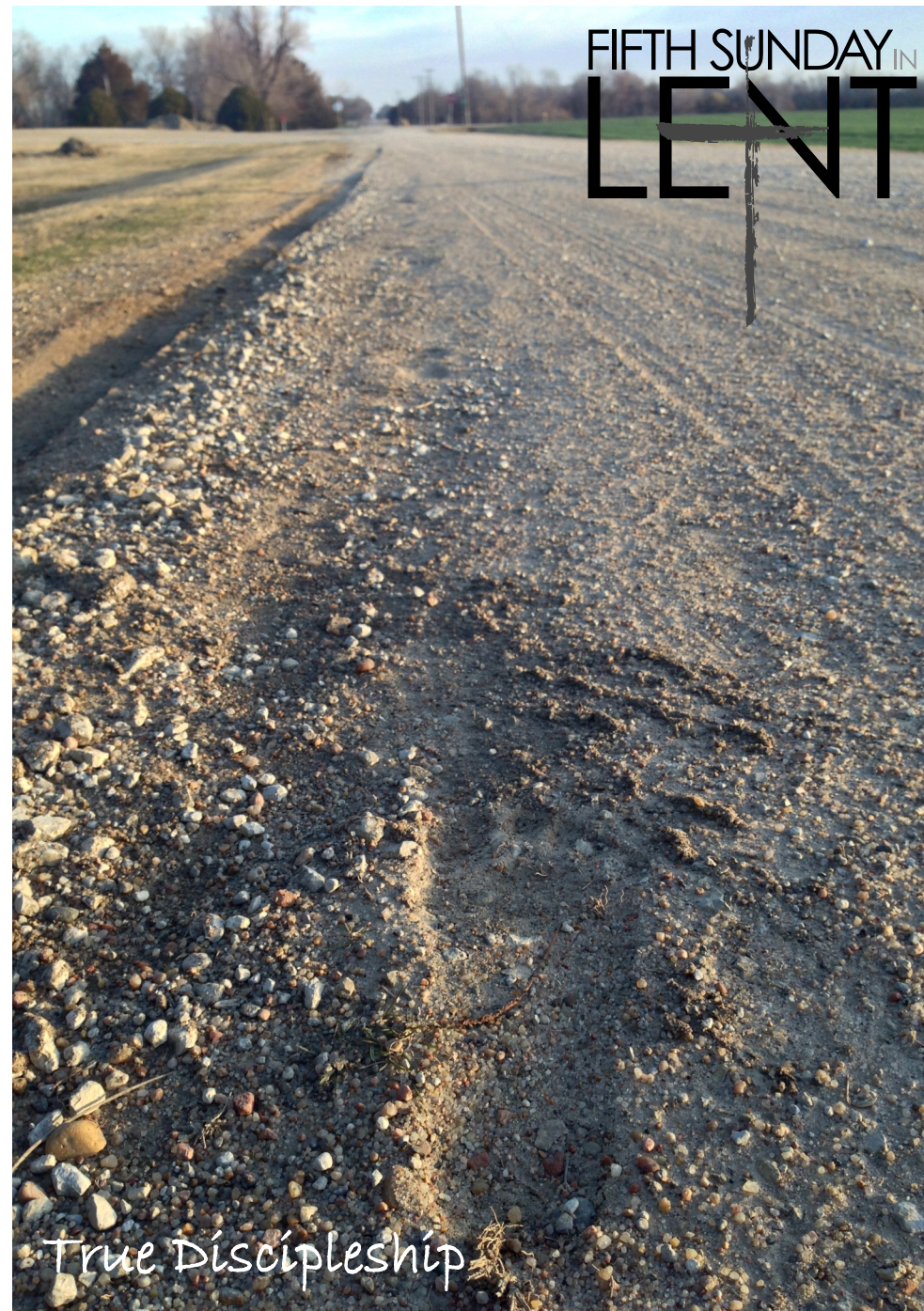
- a. Commission: *“Go; your faith has made you well.”*
- b. Response: *regained sight, followed on the way*

Bartimaeus: A Model Disciple

Honor Redefined: Seeing & Following

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Tabor Mennonite Church

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**As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Michael Unruh, Jesse Goertzen
Graham Unruh, Doug Krehbiel

WELCOME and INVOCATION

Worship Leader, Leann Toews

from Psalm 25

Leader: Make me know your ways, O God;
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**People: for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Be thou my vision"

No. 545

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"He leadeth me"

No. 599

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"In Christ Alone" -Getty/Townend

Children's coin offering for MCC

Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carrie Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC *"The Redeemer"* -Sory

Michael Unruh, Jesse Goertzen
Graham Unruh, Doug Krehbiel

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Kim Funk

SERMON

"Seeing and Following"

Phil Schmidt

Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Just as I am, without one plea"

Insert

CONFESSION

from SS#163

Leader: Lord, on the way to goodness,

North: when we stumble, hold us,

South: when we fall, lift us up,

North: when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us,

South: when we turn from what is good, turn us back,

All: and bring us at last to your glory. Amen.

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN

"Benediction"

130CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

During the five Sundays of Lent before Holy Week, we have slowed down our pace through Mark's Gospel and are taking time to reflect on Jesus' and the disciple's journey to Jerusalem (Mark 8:27-10:52). As we Journey with Jesus, we truly learn what it means for him to be Messiah and Son of God (Mark 1:1) as well as what it means for us to be his followers. This morning, we will focus on the story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus. Just as Bartimaeus follows Jesus faithfully after being healed, may we learn to do the same.



Come Holy Spirit.

*Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Today continued

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Grace Regier and Bill and Sherry Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

Pastoral Vote: We will have a brief congregational meeting following the benediction to vote on affirming Rosie Jantz as Associate Pastor.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. The Sister Care elective class for women will meet in the north fellowship hall. The elective class, "Under Construction: Reforming Men's Spirituality", for men will meet in room 16.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

This Week

Monday, March 18

6:30 p.m.—Willing Helpers work night for MCC projects.

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.—Lent Community Prayers. *See announcement for details.*

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.—Supper. Soup will be served. *Sign up for the meal.*

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

6:35 - 7:15 p.m.—Children of Light

6:35 - 7:15 p.m.—Sonbeams, Faith Friends (age 3-5)

Sonbeams practice with Children of Light until 6:50, then dismissed to go home or watch a video until 7:15.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:15 - 7:45 p.m.—Faith Friends (K-gr. 1)

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.—Faith Adventures, Youth Explorers

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m.—Newsletter items are due.

6:00 p.m.—WDC Spring Salad Supper @ Hesston.

Saturday, March 23

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.—Lent Community Prayers

Next Sunday, March 24



9:10 a.m.—Sonbeams and Children of Light will meet in the basement to practice their song and to line up for the palm branch processional. Other children wishing to participate, please join the choirs in the basement at **9:20** to line up and get your palm branches.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week. Holy Week starts with the account of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem, moves through the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross, and culminates in the miracle of Jesus' resurrection to new life on Easter Sunday. Scripture for reflection next Sunday is Mark 11:1-11. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on March 10:

- ★ Bill Froese thanked the congregation for their support in these past weeks following the death of this mother and following surgery. Let us continue to pray for Bill as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Alvin and Ann Thiesen. Alvin went to Newton Medical Center on Monday for a check up and ended up being admitted to the ICU due to fluid in his lungs, a weak heartbeat, and an enlarged heart. Alvin has responded to medication and has been doing better throughout this week. Please continue to pray for his recovery.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Care Quilt remains with Ann Thiesen due to Alvin's recent hospitalization. The Children's quilt is home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations who are exploring new ways of decision-making and discernment.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN's Raleigh Service Adventure unit participants: Christina Hershey, Annika Nachtigall, Emma Nafziger and Lee-Ann Pradels. These young people, along with the leadership family, Leah and Todd Gusler and their daughter, Cora, serve in North Carolina through preschools, shelters for homeless people, Habitat for Humanity, and Ten Thousand Villages.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for safe travels for all Bethel College students on spring break—especially for the group that is spending a week doing service in Joplin, Mo., and for the Concert Choir, singing in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 28 – **Maundy Thursday**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper and Communion

March 29 – **Good Friday**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Service at Tabor Church

March 31 – **Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship.

No Sunday School



Share an Easter Lily in honor/memory of a loved one.

Names of those to be honored along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, March 26 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church and left in the foyer by noon on March 30.

Announcements

Thanks for supporting MCC by donating your old, broken crayons! We are busy turning them into newly molded crayon creations for the upcoming MCC sale!
~Jr. Highers

Thank you, Tabor Mennonite church, for your contribution of \$7,333.23 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2012. Your contributions are so important to mission partnerships, international workers, Christian Service participants, and others who are joining the work that God is doing around the world. Together, we are "sharing all of Christ with all of creation."

Education Commitments: Today you will find the Commission on Education call to commitment brochures in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider how you will participate in Tabor's call to education and mark your commitment sheet accordingly. Please return by March 31 to the box in the foyer.

Sign-up to help with VBS 2013: This year VBS will take place at Tabor the week of June 3-7. The theme is *Breathe It In: God Gives Life* and we need your help. Consider volunteering your time to be a class teacher, session leader, musician, snack person or other helper. Prayer partners are also needed. You will have a chance to sign-up to help today and next Sunday, between church and Sunday school. Stop by the table in the foyer or talk Eunice Nickel, Krista Graber, or Kristin Unruh if you have questions or would like to help. You will also have a chance to sign-up to help bring snack items as bible school gets closer.

Time for Basketball: A group of Tabor men is playing in the WDC basketball tournament this week. All three games will be in Thresher Gym, Bethel College.
Tuesday, March 19: 8:30 pm vs. Hoffnungsau
Thursday, March 21: 8:30 pm vs. First Mennonite of Halstead
Friday, March 22: 8:30 pm vs. Zion/Grace Hill

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet March 26 at Bethesda Home. Please sign up by March 24.

New on Tabor's Website: Check out the sermon blog link to participate in conversation based on the week's theme. From the homepage (www.tabormennonite.org), click on 'Worship' then 'Sunday Morning Worship' then click on the 'sermon blog' link.

Interested in Praying together this Lenten season? Pastor Phil is facilitating **community prayer times** during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings (5:30-6pm) and Saturday afternoons (1-1:30pm). We pray together using the Anabaptist Prayer Book: Take Our Moments and Our Days (Volume 2). All are welcome.

Marriage Enrichment: Pastor Phil and Mary will be facilitating an overnight marriage enrichment retreat for April 19-20, using the Group Prepare and Enrich Marriage Assessment/Curriculum for Friday evening and Saturday morning discussions. Location is TBD, but we are looking at Bed and Breakfasts in the Lindsborg area. Cost per couple will be around \$150. Please see a Deacon if cost is an issue. The sign up is currently posted on the bulletin board -- deadline for signing up is Sunday, March 24.

Mennonite Convention in Phoenix: Are you interested in being a Tabor delegate for the Mennonite Convention this summer? The Convention is in Phoenix from July 1-5. Tabor Deacons are willing to cover registration cost (\$199/person) for up to three delegates. Please let pastor Phil know if you are interested.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 10, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,235.50	Attendance	=	171
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 73.05	Attendance	=	71
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 10.33	Attendance	=	12

"Follow Me"

"You cannot see faith, but you can see the footprints of the faithful.
We must leave behind "faithful footprints" for others to follow."

~Dr. Dennis Anderson

"A person who wholly follows the Lord is one who believes that the promises of God are trustworthy, that He is with His people, and that they are well able to overcome."

~Watchman Nee

