

Like a Child

(Mark 10:13-16)

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God *like a little child* will never enter it.” (Mark 10:14b-15)

Least, Last, Lowest, Lost, & Littlest

The Disciples Rebuke (Mark 10:13)

Jesus Invites (Mark 10:14)

Receiving God's Kingdom *Like a Child* (Mark 10:15 -- 4 Options)

1. _____ (without reservations)
2. _____ (without status and rights)
3. _____ (with open arms)
4. _____ (eager for our acceptance)

Living in an Upside Down Kingdom (Mark 10:16)

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THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT

Receiving
the
Kingdom





**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

Adult Worship Team

"Lord, I lift your name on high" No. 61CS
"What a fellowship, what a joy divine" No. 103CS
"We will worship the Lamb of Glory" No. 26CS
"I believe in Jesus" No. 92CS

WELCOME and INVOCATION

Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

from HWB #734

Leader: Savior of the earth's children,
you came as a little child
to lead us to wisdom and love.

**People: When you grew up,
you welcomed the children
and told us the kingdom belongs to them.**

**All: Call us to a child's tenderness,
humility, energy, and love,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN "O little children, gather" No. 489

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Blessed Savior, we adore thee" No. 107

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "Let the children come to me" No. 176CS
Children's coin offering for MCC

Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristi Unruh
WORSHIP MUSIC "Your Hands" Brittany Voth
SCRIPTURE *Psalm 8:1-9; Mark 10:13-16* Denise Nickel
SERMON "Like a Child" Phil Schmidt

Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus loves the little children" No. 30CS

CONFESSION

from SJ#128

Leader: God of the weak and the wounded, grant us your forgiveness

North: We have been heedless in our thoughts,

South: *cruel in our words,*

North: shameful in our actions.

South: *We are indifferent to a world made sad
by want and wastefulness;*

**North: we pass by on the other side
when we see our neighbor in need;**

South: *we wander from the way that leads to peace
in paths of our own pleasing.*

**All: God of the weak and the wounded,
grant us your forgiveness. Amen.**

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN "Now go in peace" No. 140CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



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

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 Jesus' teaching about receiving the kingdom of God like a little child (Mark 10:13-16). As we study these verses together, may we learn to receive God's kingdom with open arms, hearts, and minds.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Lester and Lois Voth and Rod and Ilona Abrahams. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Diane Loewen in the nursery during the worship service.

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 4

7:00 p.m.—Church Council Meeting.

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda Home.

Postponed from last week—please sign up.

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday Evening Activities

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

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

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

6:35 - 7:15 p.m.—Children of Light

6:45 - 7:15 p.m.—Sonbeams, Faith Friends (age 3-5)

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 7

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Saturday, March 9

Candidating Weekend with Rosie Jantz

9:00 a.m.—Brunch with Church Staff

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Meet with Education Committee

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.—Lunch with Trustees

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

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.—Cookies and Fellowship, **everyone is invited**

5:30 p.m.—Post College/Pre Family Potluck and Fellowship. *See announcements.*

Next Sunday, March 10

Daylight savings time begins March 10. Turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

9:30 a.m.—Next week we continue our journey with Jesus and his disciples toward Jerusalem. Our focus for the morning worship service will be on Jesus' glory. Scripture for reflection is Mark 10:32-45. Rosie Jantz will be preaching as she candidates for the position of Associate Pastor of Education and Pastoral Care.

10:45 a.m.—Open Q/A with Rosie Jantz, in the sanctuary.

Sunday School for children ages 2 through Jr. High.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on February 24:

- ★ Dale Alderfer asked that we pray for those traveling to Joplin, MO this past week for a MDS trip, that they might have a meaningful time of service together.
- ★ Alvin Schmidt shared his gratefulness for the snow, which will provide much needed moisture to the land.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Rosie and the Tabor congregation as we listen to God's leading during this time of discernment.



Prayer requests continued

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for 100 plus participants at "Citizens of God's Kingdom: Immigration and Christian Faith." Pray that God will guide us as a church in welcoming the "alien" and witnessing to the hospitality of God.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Brad Graber and Brenna Steury Graber, who arrived in Paris, France, at the end of January to begin a three-year MMN assignment as youth workers in a collaborative ministry among Mennonite congregations. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language, culture and ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for God's presence with Caleb Lázaro and Nathan Bartel as they facilitate a special series at Bethel College, beginning tomorrow, that brings "voices from the margins" to students through convocation.

Announcements

Peace Task Force: James Goerzen is interested in starting up a Peace Task Force at Tabor. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested. Questions? See James.

Crayons Needed: The Jr. Highers are collecting crayons to recycle for the MCC sale. If you have old, broken, unwanted crayons, we'd love to get a second use out of them! Drop off crayons at church (Phil's office) by March 13. Thanks!

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

Interested in Praying together this Lenten season? Pastor Phil will be facilitating **community prayer times** during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings (5:30-6pm) and Saturday afternoons (1-1:30pm). We will be praying together using the Anabaptist Prayer Book: Take Our Moments and Our Days (Volume 2). All are welcome. If you are able to purchase your own copy of the prayer book, please do so and bring it with you.

Young Adults: We have a group of young adults at Tabor who have been gathering monthly since October and are interested in hosting a get-together for other young adults in the area. Here are the details:
- What: Potluck Dinner! - Where: Tabor Mennonite Church
- Who: Post-College, Pre-Family Adults - When: Saturday, March 9 at 5:30pm
We will need to know how many people plan to attend, so please invite anyone who is interested to RSVP to pschmidt@tabormennonite.org by March 6th. Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share. Drinks will be provided. *See posted flyer for more details.*

Women: WDC Spring Supper is Thursday, March 21 at Whitestone Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Hesston. For more information see the posted flyer. Reservation deadline is March 4.

Marriage Enrichment: We are planning a marriage enrichment retreat for April 19-20. This is an opportunity for all married couples to devote quality time to their marriage. We will spend a night away (location TBD) and have good opportunity for couple discussion. Pastor Phil and Mary will facilitate this weekend. More details to come. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested.

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.

2013 Directory: Updates for the 2013 Tabor Church Directory are due on March 12. If you would like to have your cell phone number listed, please let Kim know. Email: kfunk@tabormennonite.org, or place in secretaries mailbox.

MCC Sale News:

Kansas MCC Relief Sale: April 12 and 13.

- Children's Coin Offering last Sunday was \$32.11. Total so far is \$254.20.
- We are starting to display quilts and other items in the north west corner of the basement. Please view these wonderful contributions of time and money.
- Please see announcement publication for more information on the sale.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 24, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 3,563.25	Attendance	=	147
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 37.00	Attendance	=	42
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 9.54	Attendance	=	15

"Follow Me"

"Be free,... simple, a child. But be a sturdy child, who fears nothing, who speaks out frankly, who lets himself be led, who is carried in the arms; in a word, one who knows nothing, can do nothing, can anticipate and change nothing, but who has a freedom and a strength forbidden to the great. This childhood baffles the wise, and God Himself speaks by the mouth of such children."

~François Fenelon

