

Tabor Mennonite Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

As the people of God, we place our faith, trust, and hope in the resurrected Christ, who brings meaning to all unhappy endings by inviting us to a new beginning and a new hope. All the pages and chapters of our lives find their place within God's grand narrative, which culminates in a powerful, glorious good news story in which the Author has redeemed, is redeeming, and will redeem us and the world forever!

GATHERING, CONFESSING, AND RECONCILING

PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 24: 1-12* Pastor Rosie Jantz

INTROIT *"He Has Risen"* -Rogers Adult Choir

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Duerksen

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN OF PRAISE *"Low in the grave he lay"* No. 273

*CONFESSION OF FAITH No. 710

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE *"Lift your glad voices"* No. 275

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

WORSHIP ANTHEM *"In Christ Alone"* -by Getty/Townend Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 24: 13-35* Katy Schmidt and Kristin Unruh
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S STORY Peter Goerzen

SERMON *"Were not our hearts burning within us?"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"On the journey to Emmaus"* No. 98STS

*RITUAL OF RESPONSE: Celebrating Holy Communion

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING ANTHEN *"Easter Fantasia"* -arr, Gates Adult Choir
"Christ the Lord is risen today" No. 280**
Instrumentalists Piano: Michelle Unruh, Flute: Kristin Unruh,
Trumpets: Peter Goerzen, Josh Schmidt,
Trombone: Janna Duerksen, French Horn: Kristi Unruh

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Easter Fantasia*

- *Low in the grave He lay* (choir & instruments only)
- *Christ the Lord is risen today* (choir & congregation)
- vs. 1 Choir begins each phrase
- Congregation answers with "Alleluias" in unison
- vs. 2-3 Choir & congregation in parts, a cappella
- vs. 4 Congregation begins each phrase in unison, choir answers with "Alleluias"
- *Hymn to Joy* (choir & instruments only)

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil, Sarahanne, Vatiken and Bosten Unruh and Russ, Sharleen, Tristan and Aubrielle Francis. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Pam Abrahams.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

We will not meet in classes during the Faith Formation hour today.

This Week

Pastor Phil will be on vacation March 29 - April 1.

Tuesday, March 29

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday Evening Activities. See announcement page for details.

Wednesday, March 30-Tuesday, April 5

Tabor serves at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 20, 2016

Offering	= \$ 4,309.25	Attendance	= 174
Adult S.S.	= \$ 53.00	Attendance	= 53
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 14.19	Attendance	= 37

Next Sunday, April 3

9:15 a.m.—Prelude.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Easter and Holy Humor Sunday. Scriptures are Psalm 118:14-29; I Corinthians 1:18-25; Romans 15:13 and John 20:19-31 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

6:00 p.m.—Catechism class will meet

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, March 20.

- ★ Pastor Phil shared that Diana Schmidt's father's health had been declining and he had been placed on hospice care. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Jr. High sponsors and students shared reflections on the Philippians scripture passage. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Alvin Schmidt shared that he had a positive visit with his doctor. Thanks be to God!
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The caring quilt is with Brian Voth and Gayle Funk following the death of Brian's mother, Virginia Voth. The children's quilt is home.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Brian Voth and family as they grieve the death of Brian's mother, Virginia. Virginia passed away peacefully on Monday morning. Lord, hear our prayer. Memorial services are at Bethesda on April 5 at 2:30 pm and April 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church beginning at 9:30 am.
- ★ Diana Schmidt and family as they grieve the death of Diana's father, Stanley Withiam. Stanley passed away peacefully on Monday evening. Lord, hear our prayer. A memorial was held at Schowalter Villa yesterday.
- ★ Those impacted by the bombings in Brussels earlier this week. For God's reign of peace and justice to come on earth as it is in heaven, Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Our mission partners, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen. Lord, hear our prayer. *Their latest letter is posted on the bulletin board.*

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The victory of Christ Jesus' resurrection in which God defeated the powers of satan, sin and death! Praise God for the continued joy and hope of resurrection life and light even amidst the darkness of our world. Thanks be to God!!

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.



In Honor of

✚ Les Goerzen

Shared By

Faith Formation Class

In Loving Memory of

✚ Ray and Luetta Frey
✚ Charlie Unruh
Arnold, Eva and Agnes Goertzen
Ben and Margaret Unruh
✚ Ernest Bleam
✚ Charlie Unruh
✚ Maggie Rath
✚ Melvin Franzen and Marie Hildebrand
✚ Jerry Schroeder
✚ Fred Schmidt
✚ Arnold and Bertha Nickel
✚ Howard and Esther Unruh
Chester and Ruth Slagell
✚ Ruth Entz Buller
✚ Harold Gilges
✚ Rose Mary Barnett

Marcene Entz

Dora Unruh
Lewis Unruh Family
Lewis Unruh Family
Brenda Buller
Mildred Franzen Family
Darlene Schroeder Family
Jo-Ann Schmidt Family
Elton Nickel Family

John Unruh Family
Susan Merrifield
Brenda and Van Schmidt
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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am
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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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