

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Faith and Politics: Blessed are . . .

Today we begin our series on *Faith and Politics: Living the Sermon on the Mount*. Jesus begins this powerful sermon by blessing people! What are we to make of these familiar *Beatitudes* that seem to go against the world's way of blessing people? As we dig into the *Beatitudes*, may our eyes, ears, minds and hearts be opened anew to recognize God's reign breaking into our world, and may we pledge our allegiance to joining God in bringing in the Kingdom!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Leann Toews
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *"The Battle of the Two Kingdoms"*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Blessed Jesus, at your word"* No. 13
Diana Schmidt, accompanist
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"Jesus shall reign"* No. 319
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

- WORSHIP MUSIC *"The Spacious Heavens Declare"* Trombone Trio
Dawson Duerksen, Janna Duerksen, Sharon Adrian; accompanist, Russell Adrian
- CHILDREN'S STORY Jill Litwiller
- SCRIPTURE READINGS *James 3: 13-18* Kristi Unruh
Matthew 5: 1-12 Erica Stoltzfus
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ *Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON *"Blessed are . . ."* Pastor Rosie Jantz

RESPONDING

- HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Blest are they"* No. 94 STJ
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"Renew your church"* No. 363
- "WHAT IF" Carol Duerksen
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

- *SENDING HYMN *"You are salt for the earth"* No. 226
- *BENEDICTION *Matthew 5: 13-16*
- *POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Warren, Sheri and Joshua Schmidt and Mark Voth. *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 Janna Duerksen.

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.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Garden Produce is available on the table in the foyer hallway.
Donations for the Tabor Food Pantry are welcome.

TODAY IS THE HARVEST GIVING WALK! You can still sign up to walk (or run) and you can still make a donation, payable to Harvest Giving Walk. Find a walker today for your generous giving to help MCC respond to many needs for food around the world, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Walkers, **please be at Tabor Mennonite Church by 1:15 p.m. to sign in** and remember to bring an item for the Food Pantry, as well as your donation envelope. Walkers from our church are Brent Abrahams, Duane Duerksen, Peter Goerzen, Cleo & Faye Koop, Eric & Jill Litwiller, Elton & Denise Nickel, Kevin Nickel, Jerry & Leann Toews, and Keri Unruh.

This Week

Tuesday, October 11

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, October 12

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

5:20-6:20 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

5:45-6:30 p.m.—Supper

6:30-6:45 p.m.—Children's Choirs

6:45-7:30 p.m.—Faith Friends (ages 3-grade 2)

6:45-7:45 p.m.—Faith Adventures, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

7:00-8:00 p.m.—Youth Group

7:45-8:45 p.m.—Adult Choir

Next Sunday, October 16

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue with the series “Faith and Politics: Living the Sermon on the Mount”. Scripture focus will be Matthew 5:38-48 and Romans 12:9-21 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

3:30 p.m.—Fellowship Event to Papa’s Pumpkin Patch. Meet at the Tabor church park at 3:30 for a hayrack ride to Papa’s Pumpkin Patch or meet at the Patch at 4 pm. Bring money for activities, pumpkins and food.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those impacted by the hurricane that hit Haiti this week. Lord, hear our prayer.
See announcement page for an opportunity to donate to MCC relief efforts.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Thanks be to God for the many gifts in our congregation and the many people who made commitments to share their gifts at Tabor in this coming year.

Dates to Remember:

October 20: Stories & Stuff

October 21: Food Commodity distribution at Goessel Church

October 27: Tabor program at Bethesda

November 3: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 6: Daylight Savings Time ends

November 6: Congregational Meeting, Mennonite College Task Force
fundraiser meal and Tabor Trading Post kickoff

November 6: Bethesda Home Pillars Banquet

November 13: Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 23: Tabor Church Thanksgiving Meal and Service

November 27: First Sunday of Advent

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 2, 2016

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| Offering | = \$ 5,102.36 | Attendance | = 135 |
| Adult F.F. | = \$ 49.00 | Attendance | = 59 |
| Jr. F.F. | = \$ 10.74 | Attendance | = 29 |

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.

Blessed are....

The Beatitudes and Isaiah 61

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Isaiah 61:1).

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted (Isaiah 61:2).

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth (Isaiah 61:1, 7).

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Isaiah 61:3, 8, 11).

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God (Isaiah 61:1).

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Isaiah 61:3, 8, 11).

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Isaiah 61:10-11).¹

¹Stassen, Glen H (2009-05-18). Living the Sermon on the Mount: A Practical Hope for Grace and Deliverance (Enduring Questions in Christian Life)



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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