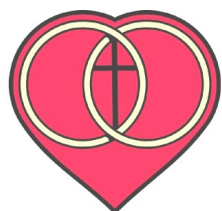


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The Bible and Our Bodies: The Witness of Marriage

Right before his exhortation to wives and husbands, Paul proclaims, "Be subject to one another out of reverence to Christ." A covenanted, loving, Christian marriage witnesses to Christ's deep love for us. Within the marriage relationship, both the husband and wife are called to submit to one another, to respect each other, and to love each other as Christ has loved us.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Eric Litwiller
INTRIOT "Your love, O God, has called us" Adult Choir

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN "When love is found" words: screen
tune: No. 92 STJ

*GATHERING PRAYER No. 740

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Your love, O God, has called us" words: No. 625
tune: No. 259

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

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Litwiller

WORSHIP MUSIC "Love never ends" -Elizabeth Volk Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *Colossians 3: 12-19* Steve Janzen
Ephesians 5: 21-33 Bonnie Janzen

The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Mutual Submission" Pastor Rosie Jantz

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Will you let me be your servant" No. 307

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

HYMN OF PRAYER "O perfect Love" No. 624

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Heart with loving heart united" No. 420

*BENEDICTION AND 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 Russ and Sharleen Francis and family and Rusten Schroeder and Susan Merrifield. *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 Sarahanne Unruh.

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.

11:45 a.m.—**Tabor Wellness Celebration** in the fellowship hall.

This Week

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, February 1

Wednesday Evening Ministries

5:45 - 6:30 p.m.—Supper fundraiser served by Mennonite Heritage Museum. Pizza, salad, cookies. See announcements for details. *Please sign up.*
—Adult Bible Study participants read Jonah in preparation.
See bulletin board for full schedule.

Thursday, February 2

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

7:00 p.m.—Women's Bible Study. *Please see community announcements.*

Saturday, February 4

6:00 p.m.—Post College/Pre Family gathering at Tabor.

Next Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our worship series on healthy sexuality. The theme will be When Sexuality is Abused and Violated. Scriptures will be 2 Samuel 13:1-22; Psalm 22 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. *Please see announcements for details regarding this service.*

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

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, January 22.

- ★ Anna Unruh requested prayers for the Junior Youth and Sponsors who will be attending Know Jesus January 28 & 29. Thanks be to God for this wonderful opportunity! May God hear our prayers that this be a time that all involved may strengthen their relationship with God and with one another.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church and Caleb Yoder as Caleb is installed as pastor there this morning. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Bill Froese has requested that his name be removed from the membership list at Tabor Mennonite Church. Nick Schroeder has requested that his membership be transferred to Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City. May both Bill and Nick serve God faithfully in their current faith communities.
- ★ For leaders in our country and the world in the midst of rapid changes.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Grace Regier and her many years of service as Tabor Church custodian. Thanks be to God! Today is Grace's last official day as custodian. Camille Adrian will begin on February 1. Please see announcement page for information about a celebration potluck for Grace on February 12.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
January 22, 2017			
Offering	= \$ 4,158.21	Attendance	= 196
Adult F.F.	= \$ 35.75	Attendance	= 58
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 14.05	Attendance	= 32
Wednesday Evening, January 25			
Attendance		= 118	

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.

Questions for Reflection : Mutual Submission

- What stood out to you from these two Scripture passages (Colossians 3:12-19 and Ephesians 5:21-33)? What questions or insights do they raise for you? What do these passages evoke for you?
- How have you heard these passages interpreted before? What are your responses to the interpretation offered as a part of this series?
- Why do you think the author of Colossians includes this exhortation to wives and husbands directly following exhortations to "clothe ourselves in love"? What were your reactions to hearing this exhortation directly following one of Tabor's 12 Scripture passages (Col. 3:12-17)?
- Why do people choose to get married? What is observed in marriages that discourage some people from entering that kind of relationship?
- What do you think is essential to safeguard a marriage?¹
- What sort of teachings on marriage have you heard from the church? What do you wish the church would say about marriage? Or what are ways you wish that the church would promote and encourage healthy marriages?
- Are there marriages that you have known or seen that provide a positive witness to the love of Christ? What was it about these relationships that stood out to you?
- For those of you who are married, in what ways have you witnessed Christ's love through your relationship? In what ways do you hope to strengthen your marriage to reflect Christ's love for the church?
- What are the characteristics that make for a strong marriage?

¹This question and the questions from the previous "pearl" are taken from Willard Krabill's chapter "The Gift and Marriage" in *Sexuality: God's Gift*



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