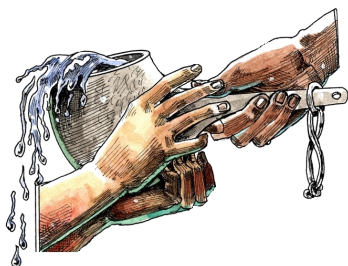


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### Lent 3: Restore Us, O God! We Thirst

Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Leann Toews

RITUAL OF POURING

\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN *"Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing"* No. 514

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### PROCLAIMING

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE *"You are all we have"* No. 29 STJ

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC *"As the deer"* Venita Schroeder

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 17: 1-7* Barb Banman

SCRIPTURE DRAMA *adapted from John 4* Diane Unruh,  
Kristin Unruh, Michelle Unruh

SERMON *"Like an Ever-flowing Stream"* Pastor Katherine Goerzen

### RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"O let all who thirst"* No. 495

RITUAL OF RESPONSE

HYMN OF PRAYER *"O healing river"* No. 372

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

## SENDING

\*SENDING SONG

*"Rain down"*

No. 49 STJ

\*BENEDICTION

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 Eric and Jill Litwiller and family and Jerry and Leann Toews. *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 Carrie 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.  
'Radical Hospitality' elective meets in the sanctuary overflow.

**4:30 p.m.**—St. Patrick's Potato Potluck. Bring a potluck dish that highlights potatoes in some creative way, your own decorated potato and your own table service. Come enjoy a fun time! *See announcement page for more details.*

Pastor Katherine will be leaving on vacation to Winnipeg this afternoon and will be back in the office on March 28.

### This Week

#### Tuesday, March 21

**10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

#### Wednesday, March 22

Spring Break - No Wednesday Evening Activities are planned

#### Thursday, March 23

**Western District Conference Women's Spring Supper at Bethel College.**

### Next Sunday, March 26

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent. The theme is "Restore us, O God! We See". Scriptures are I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, March 12.*

- ★ Sheri Schmidt requested prayer for people in Hutchinson who were greatly affected by the wildfires (some of them were work colleagues). Lord hear our prayer for those affected, and for families who lost loved ones. Thanks be to God for people who came from near and far to begin clean-up efforts.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those individuals who continue to struggle with health related problems. Lord, hear our prayer for healing.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

### Dates to Remember:

April 5: Pine Car Derby  
 April 7-8: Mid Kansas MCC Sale  
 April 10: Tabor Mennonite Women Salad Supper  
 April 13: Holy Week Service, Communion  
 April 16: Easter Sunday, Communion  
 April 21-23: Community Renewal with Bryan Moyer Suderman  
 April 23: Child Dedications  
 June 5-9: Vacation Bible School  
 July 4-8: Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, FL

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 12, 2017			
Offering	= \$ 2,447.88	Attendance	= 197
Adult F.F.	= \$ 25.00	Attendance	= 66
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 10.90	Attendance	= 37
Wednesday Evening, March 15			
Attendance	=	125	

**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.**

## Living Water

John 4:1-42

"Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty.'" (John 4:13-15)

***Where is your thirst leading this Lent?***

***What is our community thirsting for? Our country? Our world?  
 How is God's Living Water nourishing you so that you can respond to this thirst in the world?***

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)



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