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Lent 4: Restore Us, O God! We See

We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz
CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Eric Litwiller
*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP
*GATHERING PRAYER
*GATHERING HYMN “Open my eyes, that I may see” No. 517
*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
SCRIPTURE READINGS *I Samuel 16: 1-13* Dale Alderfer
Ephesians 5: 8-14
WORSHIP MUSIC “Adagio Nobile” -J. Donjon Hildred Schmidt, flute
“And can it be that I should gain?” -T. Campbell Deloris Schmidt, piano
CHILDREN’S STORY AND SCRIPTURE DRAMA *adapted from John 9*
Carol Duerksen, Jim Schmidt, Marcene Entz, Russ, Barb and Brent Abrahams
SERMON “Seeing God” Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Open my eyes, Lord” No. 65 STS
RITUAL OF RESPONSE *Anointing*
HYMN OF PRAYER “Lord, whose love in humble service” No. 369
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

“Be thou my vision”

No. 545

*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 Warren and Sheri and Josh Schmidt and Hayden and Heidi Goerzen. *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 Pamela 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.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.
'Radical Hospitality' elective meets in the sanctuary overflow.

Pastor Katherine will be back in the office on March 28, following her vacation to Winnipeg.

This Week

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, March 29

Wednesday Evening Ministries

Next Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m.— Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Lent. The theme is “Restore us, O God! *We Breathe*”. Scriptures are Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45, and Carol Duerksen and Tuan Hguyen will be preaching.

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

Dates to Remember:

April 5: Pine Car Derby
April 7-8: Kansas MCC Sale
April 10: Tabor Mennonite Women Salad Supper
April 13: Holy Week Service, Communion
April 16: Easter Sunday, Life Feast
April 21-23: Community Renewal with Bryan Moyer Suderman
April 23: Holy Humor Sunday, Child Dedications

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, March 19.

- ★ Pastor Phil reminded us to continue to pray for those impacted by the recent fires in the Midwest. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Pastor Phil requested prayers for those traveling over Spring break, including Pastor Katherine as she travels to Winnipeg this week. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those individuals who continue to struggle with health related problems.
Lord, hear our prayer for healing.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 19, 2017			
Offering	= \$ 3,271.28	Attendance	= 126
Adult F.F.	= \$ 19.02	Attendance	= 47
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 5.55	Attendance	= 22

Budget Update:	Budget through March 19:	\$82,488.00
	Actual giving through March 19:	\$69,800.67
	Shortfall	\$12,687.33

In order to meet budget, at the beginning of our fiscal year in December, targeted giving per Sunday stood at \$5,156.00. With the shortfall, targeted giving per Sunday now stands at \$5,507.93

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.

Seeing God

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

“So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’” (John 9:24-25)

In what ways are you blind to seeing God and God's kingdom?

In what ways can you open your eyes and your heart to more fully see and experience God and God's kingdom?

“Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshiped him.” (John 9:35-38)



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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