

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Easter Sunday

Restore Us, O God! *We Live*

When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us – revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

CHORAL INTROIT *“His Glories Now we Sing”* Adult Choir
-arr. Fettke & Grassi

WELCOME Peter Goerzen and Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“Christ who left his home in glory”* No. 283

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

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *“Low in the grave he lay”* No. 273

CHILDREN’S STORY Kristin Unruh

CHORAL ANTHEM *“Hear the Sound of Joy”* Adult Choir
-by Viadana, arr. Hopson

PROCLAMATION Mary, the Mother of Jesus

RESPONDING

SCRIPTURE READING *Colossians 3: 1-4* Peter Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Christ the Lord is risen today”* No. 280
Brass Trio: Peter Goerzen, Pastor Phil Schmidt, Dawson Duerksen

RESPONSE *Celebratory Life Feast*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *“Lift your glad voices”* No. 275

*BENEDICTION Pastor Rosie Jantz

*SENDING CHORAL ANTHEM *“Victory”* -John Ness Beck Adult Choir
Organist: Deloris Schmidt

*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 Mark and Carrie Smith and family and Michael and Lina Unruh. *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.

This Week

Tuesday, April 18
10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, April 19
7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Thursday, April 20
10:00 a.m.—Stories and Stuff

COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Friday, April 22
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.—Reading the Bible with Jesus

Saturday, April 23
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Reading the Bible with Jesus

Next Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m.—Next Week is Holy Humor Sunday, Parent and Child Dedications, and Bryan Moyer Suderman will be with us to proclaim the good news through music! In the Spirit of Easter joy, we look forward to dedicating Eliza Unruh, Noah Schmidt, and Elijah Adrian, along with their parents and families.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. All adults are invited to stay in the sanctuary for Faith Formation with Bryan.

11:45 a.m.—Potluck meal. Please bring a potluck dish to share along with table service.

4:00 p.m.—Plan to come back to Tabor in the afternoon for a special Community Concert with Bryan!

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, April 9.

- ★ Alice Funk's daughters sang a song in honor of her upcoming 90th birthday. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness to Alice all these years and for the blessing of family to celebrate this occasion. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The Community Renewal Bible Study that will take place at Tabor with Bryan Moyer Suderman on April 21-22.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ New life that we experience through the resurrection of Jesus! Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
April 9, 2017			
Offering	= \$ 4,472.25	Attendance	= 212
Adult F.F.	= \$ 16.00	Attendance	= 43
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 9.10	Attendance	= 38

Dates to Remember:

April 27: Red Cross Blood drive at Goessel Church

May 20: Building Fundraiser White Owl Barn

June 5-9: Vacation Bible School

We Live

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid: I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'"
Matthew 28:5-6

Have you seen him? How are you changed because of your encounter with the risen Lord?

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory."
Colossians 3:1-4

In what ways have you burst from the tomb and been raised to new life with Christ?

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.



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

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

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