

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Jesus is the Center of our Faith:

Jesus Praying for His Disciples

Today we continue our prayer worship series by reflecting on Jesus' prayer for his disciples in John 17. In this prayer, Jesus prayed that God would protect his followers as they remained in the world. What does it mean to pray for God's protection today?

GATHERING AND PRAYING

PRELUDE Susan Merrifield

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Unruh

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 40: 1-5*

*GATHERING HYMN *"Shout to the Lord"* No. 84 CS
Marcene Entz, accompanist

*GATHERING PRAYER *Psalm 40: 8-11, 16-17*

*HYMN OF PRAYER *"Rain down"* - v. 1-3 No. 49 STJ

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

PROCLAIMING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

TASK FORCE MOMENT Josh Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC *"As I went down to the river to pray"* Sharleen Francis

CHILDREN'S STORY Jill Litwiller

SCRIPTURE READING *John 17: 1, 6-19, 25-26* Eunice Nickel
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"In the world but not of the world"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING IN PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Renew your church"* No. 363

FAITH SHARING Denise Nickel

HYMN OF PRAYER *"Lord, listen to your children"* No. 353

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
Graduate Recognition

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *"God of grace and God of glory"* No. 366

*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 Justin, Wyatt and Weston Sommerfeld and Archie and Kristin Schmidt. *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 Sharleen Francis.

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. Adults are invited to join the Prayer Elective class meeting in the sanctuary overflow.

7:30 p.m.—Memorial Service at Goessel Cemetery.

This Week

Monday, May 29

Junior High return from Camp WaShunGa

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10:00 a.m.—Memorial Day Service at Tabor Mennonite Church Cemetery.

In case of inclement weather, service will be held in the sanctuary.

11:00 a.m.—Memorial Day Service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Tuesday, May 30

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, May 31

5:30—Faithful Fitness

6:00 p.m.—TMYF and parents. Pizza and Convention Information meeting.

Thursday, June 1

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Pentecost. We continue our Worship Series on "Anabaptist Essentials: Jesus is the Center of Our Faith, Praying With Jesus." Our focus will be *Praying for the Spirit*, scripture is John 20:19-23 and Acts 2, and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Finger Food Fellowship for everyone. Please bring finger foods to share.

4:30 - 8:30 p.m.—Leadership Retreat. *See announcements for details.*

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 21.

- ★ Elizabeth shared a praise for the good attendance and monies raised at the Russian Pancake fundraiser breakfast. Thanks be to God.
- ★ Cleo requested prayer as he and students from the Hesston College Disaster Management program work with MDS this summer. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Michelle requested prayer for the Jr. High youth and for their leaders who will attend Camp Washunga over Memorial Day weekend. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for this opportunity to meet God in new ways.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Our graduates: Sarah Booth from Hesston College, Sharleen Francis, Bethel College Nursing Program, Karina Brandt and Drew Goerzen from Newton High School, and Olivia Duerksen and Josh Schmidt from Goessel High School. Thanks be to God for the opportunities that lie ahead!
- ★ Jayce Yoder, as we look forward to having him with us this summer with the Ministry Inquiry Program through Bethel College. Thanks be to God. Jayce's email is jayceryoder@bethelks.edu.

Dates to Remember:

June 5-9: Vacation Bible School

June 11: Bible School Celebration Service and picnic in park

June 18: Summer Faith Formation begins

June 25: Receiving New Members, Communion

Goessel Community Picnic, Young Adult picnic in Tabor Church Park

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

May 21, 2017

Offering	= \$ 4,448.66	Attendance	= 158
Adult F.F.	= \$ 27.00	Attendance	= 45
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 13.68	Attendance	= 36

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying for others, just as Jesus actively prayed for his disciples in John 17. *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* includes a prayer of intercession for each of its prayer services. We at Tabor have sometimes prayed prayers from *The Anabaptist Prayer Book* for our congregational prayer. Each intercessory prayer includes five different areas for prayer:

- We pray for ourselves and those dear to us
- We pray for our community and for our neighbors
- We pray for the church in all places
- We pray for the world
- We offer other concerns that we carry in our hearts

Another intercessory prayer practice was suggested by April Yamasaki in her catechism material *Making Disciples*. It is called the ACTS prayer and it includes four different prayer components: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (or intercession).

It is a holy thing to pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ, knowing that they, in turn, are lifting us up in prayer before God as well. Thanks be to God for hearing our prayers of intercession!

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

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

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