

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Vision: Shared Stories of Future Hope The Light of the Lord

Today we continue our worship series on visions of hope by reflecting on passages that look ahead to God's light shining brightly through all creation. Sisters and Brothers, even amidst much darkness in our world, may we walk in the light of the Lord.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE	Pastor Katherine Goerzen			
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Venita Schroeder			
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP				
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Romans 8: 18-25</i>			
*GATHERING HYMN	“Shine, Jesus, shine”	No. 22 CS		
*GATHERING PRAYER				
*HYMN OF PRAYER	“I want to walk as a child of the light”	No. 95 STJ		
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>			
PROCLAIMING				
OFFERING OUR GIFTS				
CHILDREN’S STORY	Carrie Unruh			
WORSHIP MUSIC	“How great thou art” -Hine, arr. Forrest	Women’s Ensemble Karen Andres, accompanist		
SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>Isaiah 60: 1-3; 19-22</i> <i>Revelation 21: 22-27</i>	Warren Schmidt Sharleen Francis		
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!				
SERMON	<i>The Lord will be your everlasting light</i>			
Pastor Phil Schmidt				
RESPONDING				
HYMN OF RESPONSE	“Longing for light”	No. 54 STJ		
FAITH TESTIMONY	Kyle Funk			
*HYMN OF PRAISE	“The Lord is my light”	No. 97 STJ		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER	Pastor Rosie Jantz			
SENDING				
*SENDING HYMN	“My soul cries out”	124 STS		
*BENEDICTION	<i>Romans 15: 13</i>			

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Dylan and Lindsey Boller and family and Diane Loewen. 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 Lindsey Boller.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting 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. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service today for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch

5:00 p.m.—Tabor Celebration Smoke-in. Bring table service and lawn chairs. see announcements for details

This Week

Tuesday, October 10

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting
7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting

Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday Evening Ministries
7:00 p.m.—Library Committee meeting

Next Sunday, October 15

Next Sunday we will continue our worship series, “Vision: Shared Stories of Future Hope” by reflecting on visions focused on “New heavens and new earth” (Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-4) and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

3:30 p.m.—Fellowship Event: Papa's Pumpkin Patch see announcements

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 1.

- ★ Brenda invited us to find the prayer cards for Karina in our church mailboxes as a reminder to continue praying for Karina's year in Ecuador with Journey International. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Brenda also requested that we continue praying for God's wisdom, direction and courage as we continue raising money for the building project. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Reece thanked the congregation for hospitality shown to the Bethel College Concert Choir last Sunday. Thanks be to God for the concert choir, and Lord, hear our prayer for their continued ministry.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are recovering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Those impacted by the tragic shooting that took place in Las Vegas earlier this week. Pray also for victims of violence all around the world. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Those impacted by many natural disasters around the country and world. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ The work of our Wednesday Evening ministries. Lord, hear our prayer.



GOAL = \$1,000,000 Committed = \$768,348

\$231,652 Still Needed

This week's receipts: New contributions = \$1,400
Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$730

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 1, 2017

Offering	=	\$ 5,100.30	Attendance	=	162
Adult F.F.	=	\$ 58.00	Attendance	=	49
Jr. F.F.	=	\$ 14.04	Attendance	=	26

Budget Update:	Annual Budget:	\$ 268,086.00
	Giving through October 1:	\$ 190,888.28
	Needed to meet budget:	\$ 77,197.72
	Needed per Sunday to meet budget:	\$ 9,649.72

"The Lord will be your everlasting light"
(Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22; Revelation 21:22-27)

"The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end." (Isaiah 60:19-20)

Trouble in our World

Trouble in the Text

God's Grace in the Text

God's Grace in our World

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp." (Revelation 21:23)



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Prelude: 9:15am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Worship: 9:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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