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We are Witnesses: Seeking God and Giving Jesus

"We search for God ... though indeed he is not far from each one of us." May we continue to look for the times when God's presence is made known in our lives, perhaps even allowing us to sing hymns at midnight (16: 25). May we also continue to look for opportunities to share God's love and good news with others, such as the trembling jailers (16: 27-33), Lydias (16: 14-15), or curious Athenians (17: 32-34) in our midst.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Dawson Duerksen, Kaleigh Guhr, Alyssa Burkholder, and Stephany Meyer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Phil Schmidt

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

INTROIT "Down to the River to Pray" -arr. Clemens Elbiata Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Paul's speech in Athens screens

*GATHERING HYMN "Brethren, we have met to worship" No. 8

Marcene Entz, accompanist

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER "As the deer pants for the water" No. 68 CS

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "Old Irish Blessing" - Agay Elbiata Singers

PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC "Glory Bound" - Moody Elbiata Singers

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17: 16-34 Kim Funk

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Give me Jesus" Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "In the morning when I rise" No. 45 SJ

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

SENDING HYMN "My life flows on"

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BENEDICTION "Peace I

"Peace I leave with you" -Shue

Elbiata Singers

No. 580

*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 Brandon and Kristi Unruh and family and Harlin and Doris Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors*.

Thanks to the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School for providing the special music during worship this morning!

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Camille Adrian and Porclein Unruh

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

11:00 a.m.—Tabor/Elbiata leads Chapel at Bethesda.

Noon—Tabor Wellness celebration.

6:00-8:00 p.m.—Catechism.

This Week

Tuesday, January 15: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting

Wednesday, January 16: Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, January 17: 10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff

Bulletin Announcements due by 8 a.m.

Saturday, January 19: 1:00-4:30 p.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women Work Day

Next Sunday, January 20

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our "We Are Witnesses" worship series through Acts by focusing on Acts 19-20, Paul's third missionary journey. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

2:30 p.m.—Mennonite Heritage Agricultural Museum annual meeting, Goessel Mennonite Church.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those who are beginning catechism this evening. May God provide guidance on their faith journeys.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.

Remember to praise God for:

★ the opportunity many of us had to gather on Saturday morning for fellowship, prayer, and looking to the future. Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 30-Feb. 5: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Feb. 3: Ministry Storytelling, Communion

Feb. 9-10: 'Know Jesus' at Hesston College for Jr. Highers

Feb 17: Building Fundraising Concert by Hesston and Bethel College Choirs

Feb 24: Youth Sunday

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 6, 2019

Offering = \$7,269.44 Attendance = 183 Adult F.F. = \$ 37.00 Attendance = 59 Jr. F.F. = \$ 11.04 Attendance = 43



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

Money already received \$1,032,710 This week's progress
Pledges remaining to be paid \$55,567 \$6,000
Challenge Grant if goal is met \$100,000
Needed to meet Challenge Grant \$111,723 \$18,682

Elbiata Singers

Director: Braden Unruh Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

Soprano Tenor

Emily Flaming Kendall Hiebert
Bea Gaeddert Jacob Schrag
Stephany Meyer Timothy Schrag
Edel Miller Logan Sterk
Julianna Schrag Chris Strecker

Alto

Elizabeth Alderfer Elyse Boden Alyssa Burkholder Elsie Clark Kaleigh Guhr Bass

Kale Funk
Eddie Gaeddert
Dawson Stutzman
Luke Wiens

Luke Wiens Skyler Wuest

Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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