# **Tabor Mennonite Church**

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# Witness to God's Peace

Peace permeates the story of Jesus and the message of God's Good News. It is a central teaching of the Anabaptist tradition. Peace is not the mere absence of war, but encompasses the call to justice and reconciliation. Peace and justice are inextricably intertwined. According to the prophets, worship of God is empty without the presence of justice.

#### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Leann Toews

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 6: 6-8

\*GATHERING HYMN "Micah" No. 95CS

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*PRAYER AND HYMN OF CONFESSION "Oh, Lord have mercy" No. 47 SJ

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE from Luke 1: 78-79

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

#### **PROCLAIMING**

WORSHIP MUSIC "Sonatas for Trombone"—Galliard Dawson Duerksen Michelle Unruh, accompanist

CHILDREN'S STORY Jill Litwiller

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:11-22* Brent Abrahams The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!** 

SERMON "Jesus is our Peace" Pastor Phil Schmidt

#### RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "We are people of God's peace" No. 407

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

**SENDING** 

\*SENDING HYMN "Now go in peace" No. 74 SJ

\*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 Darwin and Kim Funk 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, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Carrie Unruh and Elizabeth Alderfer.

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

**6:00-8:00 p.m.—**Catechism.

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Bruce and Eileen Schmidt's 50th wedding anniversary on March 29. Praise God for the gift love.



#### This Week

Tues. April 2: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting.

Wed. April 3: Wednesday Evening Activities.

7:00 p.m.—Pine Car Derby. Weigh-in at 6:30.

Thurs. April 4: 12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch. Bulletin Announcements are due by 8 a.m.

# Next Sunday, April 7

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday, we continue our Lenten worship series focusing on the "Journey Forward" worship resources from Mennonite Church USA. Our theme will be Witness to God's Peace, scripture focus is Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 2:2-4; Matthew 26:47-56, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

**12:00 p.m.**—Membership meal.

**7:00 p.m.**—Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College campus.

# **Prayer Requests**

The following prayer requests were shared on March 24.

- ★ Pastor Katherine thanked the congregation for care and support following the death of her grandma, Elva Plett. Thanks be to God, and Lord, hear our prayer for continued comfort and peace to be with Katherine and family.
- ★ Pastor Phil requested continued prayers for others who are grieving the loss of loved ones, including Nathan Graber and family, LaVerta Schmidt, Warren Schmidt and family. Lord, hear our prayer.

## Prayer requests continued

- ★ Bruce shared a personal testimony related to several experiences he had throughout the past week, including: fasting and prayer, working with Jesus on a project for the MCC sale, and listening to the song "I can only imagine." Thanks be to God for the many ways God's Spirit meets us and leads us!
- ★ Dale encouraged the congregation to pray and consider our response to the recent flooding to the north of us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Pastor Phil shared a testimony from attending the "Beating Guns" tour at Hesston College with Shane Claiborne and Mike Martin. It was wonderful to see a good turnout of people, including several people from Tabor. It was especially meaningful to see the Catechism class there, reflecting their desire to grow in faith. The powerful service focused on the theme of "perfect love casts out fear" and included music, gun-violence statistics, testimonies, and the transformation of a donated gun into a garden tool. Thanks be to God!

# Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all those facing devastation caused by the overwhelming flooding that is taking place across the Midwest. Lord, hear our prayer for safety, strength and comfort.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is with LaVerta Schmidt. The children's quilt is home.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

April 10-16: Serve at New Hope Shelter

April 12-13: MCC Sale April 14: Palm Sunday

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Bethel College

April 15: TMW Salad Supper

April 18: Holy Week Meal and Service

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt

April 21: Easter Breakfast and Worship

May 4: Spring Work Day

## Jesus is our Peace

## **Inward Peace**

#### **Outward Peace**

# OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 24, 2019

Offering	=	\$ 2,923	3.25	Attendance	=	179
Adult F.F.	=	\$ 27	7.00	Attendance	=	63
\Jr. F.F. :	=	\$ 7	7.49	Attendance	=	35







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

Money already received \$1,105,820 This week's progress
Pledges remaining to be paid
Challenge Grant if goal is met
Needed to meet Challenge Grant
\$1,105,820 This week's progress
\$34,976
\$100,000
\$59,204
\$55,870



#### **Tabor Mennonite Church**

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