Tabor Mennonite Church

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Images of the Cross: Sacrifice

As we gather on this third Sunday in the season of Lent, we remember in gratitude "our paschal lamb, Christ, who has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). Together, may we worship and praise the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Prelude Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elizabeth Alderfer

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

PROCESSION OF THE CROWN OF THORNS

HYMN

"When I survey the wondrous cross" -vs. 1 & 2

No. 259

*CALL TO WORSHIP various New Testament passages

*GATHERING HYMN "O Lamb of God all holy" -vs. 1 & 3 No. 146

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "There is a Redeemer" -vs. 1 - 3 No. 62 CS

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC "My Hope is in the Lord" -Forman Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:13-18, 28-37 Kristi Unruh

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

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING AND SENDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "What wondrous love is this" -vs. 1, 3, & 4 No. 530

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN "Christ we do all adore thee" No. 105

*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 Kenton and Eunice Nickel and family and Jerry and Leann Toews. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

In light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), please greet one another in a way that you are comfortable (nod, wave, fist bump, handshake, etc.). Please also see the resources listed on the announcement page.

What is the meaning of the cross? If you haven't done so already (or want to submit another response), write your response (a word or phrase) on the slips of paper on the table in the foyer and place in the basket.

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 Sharleen Francis and Katie Wright.

Please leave items for MCC Relief Kits in the basket in the foyer.

Prior to Faith Formation there will be a short congregational meeting to affirm Gayle Funk as Congregational Church Chairperson.

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

Pastor Rosie is on medical leave for surgery and recovery March 13 - 28.

This Week

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, March 18—No regular Wednesday Evening Activities 7:00 p.m.—Adult Choir practice

Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m.—Stories & Stuff *Newsletter items are due*

Next Sunday, March 22

9:30 a.m.— Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent and our worship focus is "Images of the Cross." The image we will focus on next week is "Ransom," scripture for reflection is Matthew 20:17-28, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

March 22 Relief Kit Items: Adult size toothbrushes. Please see shopping list for details.

3:00 p.m.—Tabor leads Chapel at Kidron Bethel

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on March 8

★ Cory thanked the congregation for support through the hospitalization and death of his father. Lord, hear our prayer for God's continued grace and presence to be with Cory and family.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19), including physical health, the isolation of quarantine, travel restrictions, and the anxiety that many are experiencing. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ For the world, for those in positions of power and authority and for all who do justice and love mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.

Thanks

Dear Tabor Church Family,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support for Emerson and our entire family. The support including prayers, cards and money has helped us move from a deeply difficult time to a place that is much more hopeful. She is doing well and we look forward to a 6 month check-up next week. The love and care has given us an additional layer of strength when we are feeling depleted. This is why the Tabor Church family is so amazing! Thank you for supporting us from the miles away! We appreciate it!

~Katrina, Aaron, Corinna and Emerson

Dates to Remember:

March 24: Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch April 5: Palm Sunday March 25: Pine Car Derby March 25 - 31: Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter March 26: TMW Salad Supper March 27 & 28: Comforter event March 29: Community Jr. High Foosball at Tabor Church Park

April 8: Holy Week Service April 10: "Loss of Turtle Island" at Alexanderwohl Church April 12: Easter Sunday April 19: MCC Celebration Sunday



Whether we think about it or not, all of our cups are full and running over. All of us have more to be grateful for than we can begin to name. There's a gratitude mug in the fover for us to fill with our expressions of thankfulness. Each Sunday in March, we will share some of the things that we are grateful for at Tabor.

~I have heat in my home. I have food in my fridge. I don't have to worry about being harassed or shot when I go to the store. I have so much to be grateful for.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 8, 2020

Offering = \$3,118.35 Attendance 154 Adult F.F. =\$ 0.00 Attendance 92 Jr. F.F. = \$12.10 Attendance 35



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

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