



Easter Sunday

Images of the Cross: *Victory*

This Easter is unlike anything any of us could have imagined. The “sting of death” seems so evident and near. Yet even in the midst of this time, the Easter Story proclaims to us that our God is a God of Life and that God holds the victory, even over death itself.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Janna Duerksen
GATHERING HYMNS	<i>“The strife is o’er”</i>	No. 263
	<i>“Lift your glad voices”</i>	No. 275
CHILDREN’S STORY		Carrie Unruh
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>“This Joyful Eastertide”</i>	Kings College Cambridge
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Colossians 2:6-15</i>	Sara Hiebert
SERMON	<i>“Public Spectacle”</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Thine is the glory”</i>	No. 269
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BENEDICTION		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SENDING HYMN	<i>“Low in the grave he lay”</i>	No. 273
CHORAL POSTLUDE	<i>“Easter Anthem”</i>	Presbyterian Church Ensemble

See attached document for sermon transcript

Sunday, April 12

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God’s love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God’s saving grace on this Easter Sunday, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

Special thanks to Brandy Ashley for creating the images of the crosses that have enhanced our journey from Lent through Easter.

Additional Scripture Recommendations

In addition to the Scripture passage listed in the order of worship, you and your family are invited to read other resurrection accounts from the Bible. Make note of what stands out to you and what questions are raised for you. How are you experiencing God’s Good News and promise that “Death has been swallowed up in victory” even during this time when the “sting of death” seems so near?

- Gospel Resurrection Passages (feel free to read just the verses in the “resurrection” sections, or to read the chapters in their entirety):
 - * Mark 16
 - * Luke 24
 - * Matthew 28
 - * John 20
- 1 Corinthians 15 (Assurance of God’s victory over death, and one of the earliest written accounts of the resurrection (15:3-9) as Paul wrote his letters before the Gospels were written)

Additional Hymn Recommendations

You and your family are welcome to sing through the Easter section in the hymnal (261-283) and in Sing the Story (87-101) or to sing your Easter hymns together.

Next Sunday, April 19

Next Sunday we continue to celebrate the Joy of Christ’s resurrection from the dead by participating in Holy Humor Sunday.

Offering and Worship April 5, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 3,858.00
Worship Link Views	=	84
Worship Mailings	=	25

Views may include more than one person

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Dora Unruh who is scheduled for surgery at St. Francis on Monday to increase blood flow to her leg. Grant her healing, and surround her with peace, hope and comfort. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Western District Conference: On this Easter Sunday, give thanks for God's gift of life! Pray that WDC congregations and members will be a witness for healing and hope in the Easter season.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in 54 countries around the world in proclaiming the good news of Jesus' love and victory over the grip of evil in our world.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The joy of the resurrected Christ, the hope that the resurrection brings and the assurance of Jesus victory over death!!

Congregational Announcements

In light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), all in-person meetings and events at Tabor are cancelled/postponed until further notice. **In addition, to help prevent the spread of germs, Tabor Church will remain locked at all times. If you have a need to enter the church building, please call the church at 367-2318. If the need is urgent, you may contact a Trustee as well.** Please care for yourself and reach out to a pastor or deacon if you have any concerns or needs for yourself or others.

Tabor Church Family,

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Amidst the uncertainty of these days in light of the worldwide spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), I continue to pray for God's presence and strength to be with each of us. In this time of physical distancing, let us remember that we are still connected as the Body of Christ. Therefore, may we do all that we can to love and support one another, using whatever technology is accessible to us (phone calls, text messages, hand-written letters, emails, etc...). May we use this time as an opportunity to deepen relationships. If you have specific concerns for yourself or for others in the community, please communicate directly with a Pastor or Deacon.

Our continuing plan for adapting our worship services is as follows: each week, when we send out the bulletin, we will also email a link to our church "worship blog," where you can watch a playlist of worship videos, read the sermon transcript, respond to some reflection questions, and share prayer requests. For those who do not have email, we mail the transcript to you each week with the same reflection questions.

Peace, Pastor Phil

Click her for blog: <https://philipbschmidt.wordpress.com/>

Giving at Tabor: While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church
891 Chisholm Trail
Newton Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from you bank account.
Contact the church for more information.
367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

VBS cancelled for 2020

After discussions with Christian Education and Tabor's staff, and in light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19) and the uncertainty when we can safely gather again, the difficult decision was made to cancel Vacation Bible School for 2020. We grieve this loss, but feel it's the best decision at this time. Our Christian Education team will continue to meet (using technology) and we are committed to planning for the future. If you have creative ideas for Faith Formation initiatives during this time of being apart, please feel free to share them with us. In this time of social distancing, let's find new ways to stay connected. We are the Church! So, let your light shine!

~Pastor Rosie

Tabor Church Food Pantry:

Due to restrictions and recommendations surrounding COVID-19, the Tabor Church Food Pantry has implemented the following policy:

We will continue to serve those in need by providing basic grocery items from what we have available at the time. When we receive a call, people may request specific items and we will include those items in their bags if we have them. We will have a limit of two bags of groceries and a \$50 card to Keith's Food for perishable items. When people arrive to pick up their groceries, we will have them at the door and take them out to their car.

At this time, rather than ask for donations of grocery items from the wider community, we are asking for monetary donations. We will buy the groceries to keep our shelves stocked. You may send your donation to Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114.

Regular Commodities Distribution: April 17 at the Goessel Mennonite Church. For more information or call Jenny Girard at 620-367-8492.

2020 Run for Relief: The Run for Relief Committee is excited to let you know that they will still be holding the 2020 Run for Relief, but that it will be a virtual event this year! Consider in a virtual run on Saturday, April 18 and walk, jog, or run a 5K for MCC! For complete details, please see the email that was forwarded to the congregation on April 7, or call the church office at 367-2318.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive in Goessel will be hosted on Monday, April 13 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Goessel Mennonite Church. For more information, or to make an appointment to donate, sign up online at redcrossblood.org or call 620-747-0081 (Nancy Stucky)

Cloth masks may help protect against the dangers of COVID-19.

If you sew, you can sew masks and donate them to various facilities that may need them. We have had a specific request from Prairie View in Newton, and there are many others in need, such as Bethesda in Goessel, other area nursing homes and more. Please call the facility you would like to sew for to learn if there are certain specifications and if they are accepting masks at the time.

THANK YOU!

I have been thankful in my heart and haven't expressed our thanks to you! Even in the midst of taking precautions of COVID 19, we have awesome volunteers! Thank you to all those who have been understanding of our precautions. Thank you to those who have made sure we have meals provided. We greatly appreciate it! It's not that we don't need our volunteers regularly but that we value our volunteers and want to limit exposure for all involved!

Now more than ever, we appreciate your time and work provided in supporting New Hope Shelter with meals this past week. Please pray for our residents, our staff and our community as we continue to move forward with our mission during this time. The following is New Hope's activity during your team's rotation week: Mar. 25 - 31, 2020

--We are on an intake freeze due to COVID 19 coronavirus so no intakes.

--3 residents left New Hope Shelter; all 3 were employed

--At the end of the week, 4 of our current residents were employed

--1 of our residents from the week receive funds for Disability/Social Security

--We served 8 single men, 3 single women and 2 family units consisting of 2 mothers, 1 father and 3 children.

--We also dispensed 6 food boxes to people in need from the community

--Again, we greatly appreciate your support with meals, prayers and

more during this time in support of New Hope Shelter and our residents!

--Thank you!!!

~Ashli Teel at New Hope Shelter

Conference Announcements

Storytime! Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30am on Mondays and Thursdays for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at Harderbogard@gmail.com

Mennonite Central Committee: As we celebrate the new life given to us through Jesus' resurrection this Easter morning, we can't escape the realities of COVID-19. In a time of uncertainty and social distancing, we offer you a selection of resources that MCC has prepared over the years for congregations, families and individuals. We pray for the many who are dealing with COVID directly and the many others who are impacted by our collective attempt to stop the spread of this virus. From prayers to recipes and cooking videos, from coloring pages to videos that give you a glimpse of life across the world, we hope we are able to offer something that may encourage or nourish you in an extraordinary time.

mcc.org/covid-19-resources.

Please share this Easter greeting from MCC Executive Director, Ron Byler with your congregation:

<https://mcc.org/stories/rons-easter-message-video>

MCC Comforter Fabric Deliveries Available - Hello, Comforter-Makers!

We hope you are all staying home and staying safe. We invite you to make comforter tops for MCC! There is a great need for comfort, warmth, and love in the world right now; MCC anticipates an increase in requests for comforters from MCC partners around the world as the COVID-19 pandemic impacts vulnerable and displaced people.

If you would like to work on making comforter tops for MCC and need fabric to do so, we will deliver it to your doorstep! MCC has bags of color coordinated cotton fabrics that can be made into 60 X 80 comforter tops. A limited amount of pre-cut squares are also available. If you would like a bag (or bags) delivered safely to your house, please email

katemast@mcc.org by Wednesday, April 15, to get on the delivery list.

Already have fabric at home that you'd like to use? Please review the MCC Comforter Guidelines and instructional videos at mcc.org/comforters. Thank you in advance for your stitches!

Camp Mennoscah announcements

--Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page! Camp Mennoscah facilities and camp grounds will be closed at least until April 30 with respect to your health and the statewide Stay Home order. Camp staff will be working from home and at a distance. You can also reach us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We send you many prayers. Stay healthy!

—You can still sign up for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah is planning to have summer youth camps, but recognizing the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation, a final decision will be made closer to the start of camps. Your camp fees, including the non-refundable, non-

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