



## Palm Sunday

### Images of the Cross: *Upside Down King*

The Scripture passage for this Sunday is Mark 11:1-11.  
We remember Jesus' presence with us, even though he  
came in a way that no one expected.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Venita Schroeder
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"All glory, laud, and honor"</i> -vs. 1,3,5	No. 237
CHILDREN'S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>"We are not alone"</i> (ensemble from Oasis Chorale)	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 11:1-11</i>	Barb Abrahams
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Abide with me"</i>	No. 653
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BENEDICTION		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SENDING HYMN	<i>"Ride on, ride on in majesty"</i> -vs.1,2,4	No. 239

*See attached document for sermon transcript*

### Sunday, April 5

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 during  
this season of Lent, especially as we face difficult circumstances through  
uncertain times.

In light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), all in-person meetings  
and events at Tabor are cancelled/postponed until further notice. **In  
addition, beginning March 30, 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.

### Next Sunday, April 12

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and our worship focus is "Images of the  
Cross." The image we will focus on next week is "Victory," scripture for  
reflection is Colossians 2:16 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

### Easter Plans



While our traditional Easter plans and rituals have  
been altered due to the impact of the coronavirus,  
we still invite you to recognize and celebrate this  
important time of year with the Tabor Church Family  
in the following ways:

\* Share the name/names of loved ones you would  
like to remember with an Easter Lily (whether or  
not you purchase an Easter Lily). These names  
will be listed in the Easter bulletin.  
*Email: [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or call 367-2318  
and leave a message on the answering machine.*

\*On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, participate in worship by watching  
the church Youtube playlist or reading through the transcript and reflecting  
on the reflection questions.

\*Throughout Holy Week, prayerfully read through the "Images of the  
Cross" booklet that was sent out with the Palm Sunday bulletin. This  
booklet is designed for you to do with your family each day of Holy Week  
leading up to Easter.

\*On Easter morning, get outside for a walk or run, praying a prayer of  
hope and resurrection, and take a picture of the sunrise. Share that picture  
with others, perhaps even posting it on the church Facebook Page.  
As we journey through the darkness of coronavirus and Holy Week, may  
we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the hope we have in our God of life!

## Prayer Requests

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.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors as they plan creative and meaningful ways for congregations to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter in the midst of difficult circumstances.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network:  
Dear Prayer Partners, In these uncertain times, MMN and our partners around the world need your prayers more than ever. The April prayer requests were printed before COVID-19 became a global pandemic. Therefore, most of the specific events have been postponed. MMN personnel are complying with all government directives to avoid spreading disease in whatever country they find themselves. For example, when you pray for Youth Venture applicants, or for the Service Adventure work camp, know that young people are not gathering. Pray for God to bless them as they live with the disappointment of not being able to participate in anticipated events, and that they would discern what experience God desires for them in its place.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: *To our God who sees,*  
*We thank you for our Anabaptist-Mennonite schools, colleges, universities and seminaries, who serve as beacons of your light in our communities. We ask your blessing on them during this difficult time.*  
*Grant wisdom to **administrators and other leaders**, who have the heavy burden of making decisions that affect the lives and safety of others.*  
*Bless our **educators**, who are working hard to find creative ways to teach and connect with students.*  
*May your Spirit of peace be felt by our **students**, especially high school and college seniors, who are grieving the loss of social connections and much-anticipated activities and events. May they find ways to connect while staying safe.*  
*We also ask for your blessing on **international students**, who may not be able to return to their families. May they be surrounded by a caring and supportive community.*  
*Provide for **those whose jobs are impacted** by closures, including those in food service, facilities management, maintenance and transportation.*  
*You are the God who heals. We ask for your protection from coronavirus and your healing touch for **those who are ill**. Please also comfort **those who have experienced loss** within their family or school community as a result of coronavirus.*  
*May you use the challenges we are facing as a global community to strengthen our faith in you, keep us rooted in hope and deepen our connections to each other. Amen*

## Congregational Announcements

### 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 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 will mail the transcript to you each week with the same reflection questions. This is an ongoing experiment, so we hope to learn and adjust in coming weeks to what will work well for everyone. I welcome your input.

Peace, Pastor Phil

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

**Vote of Affirmation:** Thank you for responding to the survey to affirm Gayle Funk as Tabor Church Chair. There were 108 responses with overwhelming affirmation for Gayle to serve as Tabor Church Congregational Chairperson. Thanks be to God for continuing ministries of Tabor Church.

**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](mailto: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.

### 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 to take 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.

**Pastor Phil's Sabbatical:** The deacon team has affirmed a request from Pastor Phil to postpone his sabbatical due to the coronavirus situation. This is a time of uncertainty, and we appreciate the leadership of Pastors Phil, Katherine and Rosie in new and different ways as we journey through this together. Pastor Phil's sabbatical plans will be determined at a later date.

#### **Western District Conference:**

Due to Covid-19 concerns, the WDC office and Resource Library are closed until further notice. As staff is working from home, the best way to communicate with WDC is by email. Email addresses are listed below for your convenience, and they can also be found on our website ([www.mennowdc.org/staff/](http://www.mennowdc.org/staff/)).

\*Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister (Kansas-Based):

[kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org)

\*Nancy Funk, Administrative Assistant: [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org)

\*Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister: [heidirk@mennowdc.org](mailto:heidirk@mennowdc.org)

\*Lee Lever, Interim Conference Ministry Liaison for Texas:

[leelever@mennowdc.org](mailto:leelever@mennowdc.org)

\*Sandra Montes-Martinez, Administrative Assistant (Texas):

[sandram@mennowdc.org](mailto:sandram@mennowdc.org)

\*Dwight Regier, Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Network Team Leader:

[dwigthtr@mennowdc.org](mailto:dwigthtr@mennowdc.org)

\*Jennie Wintermote, Resource Library Director: [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org)

\*Beth Yoder, Business Manager: [busmgr@mennowdc.org](mailto:busmgr@mennowdc.org)

#### **Resources**

Here are several resources for you to consider during this time. If you would like paper copies of any of these resources, please let Kim Funk or Pastor Phil know.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Fact sheet: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- Faith Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

#### **Denominational Resources**

- Mennonite Church USA:  
<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-managing-coronavirus/>
- MennoMedia Faith Formation Resources for Children and Adults:  
--Shine Curriculum: <https://shinecurriculum.com/shineathome/free-resources/>  
--This link includes Adult Bible Study, Rejoice Devotional, Anabaptist Prayer Book and more:  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/?shva=1#label/Announcements/FMfcgxwHMZJvDksBwzTWrdFGLFipvGKm>
- LiveStream Prayers with Mennonite Mission Network every Monday-Saturday at noon on their Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteMissionNet/>
- Resources for hope and resilience. The AMBS community offers resources to foster a spirit of hope, trust, resilience and ongoing faith during the global COVID-19 pandemic. We hope these prayers, music playlists, audio files, articles and pastoral care resources can help people to be grounded in and sustained by God's unfailing presence. [ambbs.edu/publishing/hope-and-resilience](http://ambbs.edu/publishing/hope-and-resilience)

#### **Additional Resources**

- BibleProject:  
--Sign up to receive email newsletter and weekly emails with Bible Study resource for friends and family:  
<https://bibleproject.com/#email>
- LiveStream Singalong with Bryan Moyer Suderman every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:23 p.m. on the SmallTall Ministries Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SmallTallMusic/>  
—another link to the SmallTall Ministries blog for people to access the singalong videos even if they don't have facebook:  
<http://www.smalltallministries.com/blog/>

#### **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](mailto:Harderbogard@gmail.com)

**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,

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](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://mcc.org/comforters). Thank you in advance for your stitches!

**--Community Relief Fund:** While no one knows the future, your community foundation is being proactive in announcing that we have a fund established for events that might become necessary in our community. Through the CKCF Relief Fund, GCF is currently accepting donations in preparation for the effects of COVID-19 in our community. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and all donations made for this purpose will be granted back into the community where it is needed most, supporting relief efforts. Checks can be made out to the Goessel Community Foundation and dropped off with Peggy at Citizens State Bank in Goessel earmarked for Corova-19 Relief Fund. Donations are also accepted on-line at [centralkansascf.org/covid-19response](https://centralkansascf.org/covid-19response). If you have questions, please contact Dwight Flaming (620-386-4044) [dmflaming@mtelco.net](mailto:dmflaming@mtelco.net)

**-2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee.** The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. If you have questions, please ask your church sale contact person(s) or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.

**-New Hope Shelter:** With staff covering all shifts, payroll has increased. Please, consider a financial gift to New Hope to offset increased expenses! Donate online <https://www.newhope-shelter.org/> or send donation to New Hope Shelter, 900 W. Broadway, Bldg 7, Newton, KS 67114.

## Gratitude

*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. Share a gratitude by calling or emailing the church. (contact info listed below) Your name will not be listed unless you request it.*

~Teachers who are now teaching in ways they never expected to.

~School cooks who are working hard to make sure children have meals.

**March 29, 2020**

Offering	=	\$15,263.08
Worship Link Views	=	75
Worship Mailings	=	25

*Views may include more than one person*



Prelude: 9:15am                      Worship: 9:30am  
Fellowship Time: 10:30am          Faith Formation: 10:45am  
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114  
Phone: 620-367-2318                email: tabor@tabormennonite.org  
Website: www.tabormennonite.org

*As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

Pastor: Philip Schmidt Cell: 620-386-0779 email: pschmidt@tabormennonite.org	Associate Pastor: Rosie Jantz Cell: 316-772-8740 email: rjantz@tabormennonite.org	Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen Cell: 316-727-4986 email: kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org
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## Deacons:

Carol Duerksen      Marcene Entz      Erica Stoltzfus  
Duane Duerksen      Emil Schmidt      John Unruh