



Meeting God in the Unexpected: Jesus' Followers

Today we reflect on how Jesus lived into his calling, and who he called to help him bring it to the masses. His inaugural sermon in Luke 4:18-19, was well received until the crowd realized the unexpected recipients on the receiving end of the good news proclaimed. His message seemed to be upside-down, when really, Jesus was turning it right-side up. Unexpected? Yes!

How are we meeting God and embodying Jesus' Good News in these unexpected and turbulent times?

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Eric Litwiller
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Praise with joy the world' Creator"</i> -vs. 1-3	No. 16 STJ
CHILDREN'S STORY		Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"For the healing of the nations"</i>	No. 367
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 4:18-19; 8:1-3</i>	Mary Schmidt
SERMON	<i>"Unexpected Followers"</i>	Pastor Rosie Jantz
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Jesus Christ is waiting"</i>	No. 30 STJ
FAITH SHARING		Carol Duerksen
CONGREGATIONAL LAMENT and BLESSING		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING HYMN	<i>"God of grace and God of glory"</i>	No. 366

Words for hymns: in bulletin

See attached document for worship transcript

Sunday, June 7

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, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

Next Sunday, June 14

Next Sunday we continue our worship series "Unexpected" worship series and anticipate wheat harvest. Pastor Katherine will be preaching on the story of Ruth.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp where summer camps would normally begin. Pray for Tabor's children and all children who would have been attending. Pray also for staff persons who have worked to find creative ways to bring the camp experience to children in spite of these unusual times. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ As a peace church which is committed to following after Jesus, we proclaim, with other faith leaders and congregations from across the country, that the brutality and violence that is disproportionately inflicted upon people of color is an affront to justice and completely antithetical to Jesus' way of welcoming the marginalized. We, Tabor Mennonite Church, stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of color; we lament with you, we grieve with you, we ardently pray for peaceful, meaningful, and lasting change. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board as it meets this week to offer vision and leadership to the conference in the midst of challenging times.

Congregational Announcements

Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to connect to a Zoom video call at 10:30am. After about 15 min. of connecting, sharing prayer requests, and a prayer, we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below (you can connect using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or you can even call in using a regular phone). Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:

Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372) followed by pressing the # key twice.

Zoom Gatherings: If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let one of the pastors know and we will get that set up!

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.

You have all received the document of Guidance for Resuming In-Person Gatherings on Tabor property and a survey. Please fill out and return the survey by June 10 to give us a better idea of how best to prepare the facility when we do decide to resume in-person worship. It will let us know how many of you are thinking of attending a worship time which will help us prepare either the Hospitality Hall or the sanctuary for the number of persons expected. The church council met this last week and we have not yet set a date for resuming in-person worship services. The church will remain locked until further notice and closed to any outside groups who would want to reserve the facility, at least through the summer.

We will, however, welcome any small groups of our Tabor community who would like to meet on church property which would be in the Hospitality Hall, the park, or other outdoor areas. We expect all who gather to follow the guidelines that have been presented which includes social distancing and wearing masks. If you want to meet in the Hospitality Hall please call or e-mail Kim Funk to reserve the space one week in advance with a tentative list of people to attend. To give Camille, our custodian, 3 days in between to clean and disinfect the space, we will not be able to schedule more than 2 groups per week. After your event you will need to give Kim a list of those persons who attended.

It is our hope and intention to help our Tabor community feel love, care, connection and inclusion during this difficult COVID19 time. If you have concerns or needs that have not been met please don't hesitate to call or e-mail Pastor Phil or Gayle Funk.

Men's Bible Study Update: Regular Meeting Time Wednesday's @ 7:00pm @ John Unruh's Shed or Patio. We are doing a 12 week bible study on Romans. The Study is Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans*. Next week is lesson #2. We still have a few books left and we can order more if necessary. Or if you would us to scan in the lesson and email it to you I can do that as well. Please invite anyone from the church or surrounding community – all are welcome. BYOCBWB (Chair, Bible, Work Book) Thanks.
~Nate & John

Faith Formation for Children: Here is your chance to bring fun and faith to our Tabor children this summer. We are looking for volunteers to make videos of skits, Bible Story tellings, and teaching a song, game, or craft. The skits do take 4-6 people, and due to social distancing, I would encourage families to sign up for these. Please consider helping! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Abrahams at brentnpam@hotmail.com. Thank You!!
~Pam Abrahams

Faith Formation options for your children this summer: Parents, please complete this short survey to let us know what would be useful and fun for your family. <https://forms.gle/3FXuHUZuYgCeKQ7p6>
If you have any questions, please email Pam at brentnpam@hotmail.com.
-Christian Education Co.

If you are participating in **Camp Mennoscah's "camp in a box"** this summer, the Christian Education Commission is offering to reimburse \$20 per box. Please contact Kim Funk with the number of boxes your family received if you wish to be reimbursed. Happy camping!
~Grace and Peace, Pastor Rosie

Blood Drive Coming in June: Much has changed in the last months, but one thing that is not different is the need for blood. You are urged to sign up to donate at Goessel Church on June 8 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Go to redcrossblood.org to reserve a donation time. If you know someone who has never donated before, encourage them to make an appointment. Now that participation in sports doesn't limit donations by students you are also eligible (age 16 & 17 need parental consent). There are no upper age limits. The Red Cross takes many precautions to make sure the process for donating is safe, and we hope you will use this opportunity to save lives.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--**Virtual Summer Story Hour:** Children ages 3-8, come take a dip in the ocean through Summer Story Hour! Virtually join Library Director Jennie Wintermote and volunteer Marjie Warkentine for "Oceans of Fun" with 8 weekly sessions June 15-August 3. Sign up today at <https://forms.gle/61539e9zGnE7u98y5> The first 15 children who sign up will receive a list of supplies they will need for each project. Join us for "oceans" of stories and fun!

--**Summer Reading Programs**--Running June 1-August 15
Adults--This year you're invited to read any title in our collection and submit a brief review. Each review will be a ticket into our prize drawings for books, giftcards, and more. Reviews may be submitted at <https://forms.gle/r4kpXQBQzQPuGjiw8>, posted on the WDC Resource Library FaceBook page, or given to Library Director, Jennie Wintermote.
Children--Download a reading log here and mark off a box for each book you read (picture books) or every 15 pages (for chapter books) or contact the library for a copy. Turn in your reading log after August 15 for fun prizes. (Turn in by mailing, dropping off, or sending a picture of your log to crlib@mennowdc.org). We would appreciate it if you register your child(ren) at <https://forms.gle/mgPPft74HBDs9ZMu6> so we can have enough prizes ready!

--**Library Reopening**--Curbside Pickup Starting Soon (When Harvey County, Kansas enters Phase 3) You can start reserving items at any time through our online catalog at <https://mennowdc.booksys.net/opac/crl/> Once the library is open for curbside checkout, these items will be pulled

and available during pickup hours (or mailed to you). In order to reserve items, you will need to log on with your library barcode number (please email the library if you need your library card number). You are also welcome to email Library Director, Jennie, at crlib@mennowdc.org in order to reserve items. Jennie is also happy to offer suggestions for individual study, children's story, group discussion and other resourcing needs.

--WDC Staff Update: Lee Lever's role as Interim Conference Ministry Liaison for Texas has been extended through July 31, 2020, as the search process continues for a new Associate Conference Minister based in Texas.

Mennonite Church USA: Consider being an MVS participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year! The application deadline has been extended until the end of July. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply!

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Please join MCC on June 16 at 1 p.m. CST/ 12 p.m. MDT, for a webinar: **MCC's migration work** in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala/El Salvador to discuss questions such as: How are MCC workers and partners in Latin America being affected by COVID-19? How are U.S. policies and protocols affecting the spread of the virus among the vulnerable population? How are organizations and faith communities responding? And how can each of us get involved and support their work during this time? Learn how to join this conversation at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series.

--You're invited to join MCC on June 17th at 6 p.m. CST/ 5 p.m. MDT for a webinar featuring Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator. Learn how COVID-19 is threatening the developing world and how MCC is responding. MCC's monthly webinar series, featuring a wide variety of stories from MCC projects from around the world, explores how MCC is responding to COVID-19. Experts in the field will give us a behind-the-scenes experience, sharing their own stories. Come with your questions! Register for upcoming webinars and browse through past recordings at mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register soon by contacting Darlene Buller at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Covid-19 Resources:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/resources-for-responding-to-covid-19/>
MCC resource link: <https://mcc.org/covid-19-updates>

Opportunities to Give

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 your 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.

For details on additional giving opportunities, please see previous bulletins.

If you know of opportunities to give, please let the church office know so that we can list those as well.

Hymns for Worship

Praise with joy the world's Creator

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Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost, heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ's constant presence: friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the Spirit's treasure: foolishness one dare deride.

For the healing of the nations

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 367
CLLI# 1187500

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead your people into freedom. From despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how, through care and goodness, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind. For our growing in you likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Jesus Christ is Waiting

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Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
Where good conquers evil let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 26
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God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ health care providers who continue to care for loved ones, be it in nursing homes, hospitals, clinics.

~ cold ice water on a hot summer day.

~ farmers, who are once again anticipating and getting ready for harvest.

Please share what you are finding to be grateful for during this time of uncertainty and being apart. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Offering and Worship

May 31, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 5,124.00
Worship Link Views	=	89
<i>Views may include more than one person</i>		
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 58



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am
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