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Deep Calls to Deep *Called to Deep Growth*

Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit for the sake of God's Kingdom.¹

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leann Toews

GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN "Unless a Grain of Wheat" -vs. 1 & 3 No. 302 VT
led by Lindsey Buller, Peter Goerzen, and Pastor Katherine Goerzen

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *John 12:20-33* Gayle Funk
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Deep Growth" Cleo Koop

HYMN OF RESPONSE "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" No. 670 VT
led by DeVon Hiebert

RITUAL OF RESPONSE

How is God calling you to deep growth?
What do you need to let go of so that you can grow and bear much fruit?

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER
Pastor Katherine Goerzen

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" -vs. 1 & 3 No. 747 VT

Sermon outline and words for hymns in bulletin

¹Adapted from the Focus Statement for Lent 5 in the Leader Magazine Worship Resources

Sunday, March 14

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.

9:00 am: Faith Formation

Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information:

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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.

10:45 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/c6VmEY2DF00>

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

Please find the weekly handout in the email attachment.

7:00 pm: Book Study, "Who Will Be a Witness?" Via Zoom. Please use the Faith Formation link.

This Week

Mon. March 22, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. March 23, 10 am - Staff meeting. **7:30pm** - Deacon meeting.

Wed. March 24, 6:30 pm - Junior High Fellowship **7:15 pm** - TMYF

Next Sunday, March 28

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The theme during Lent is "Deep Calls to Deep." The focus will be Deep Hope and the Scripture passages for reflection are John 12:12-16 and Philippians 2:5-11. Michael Unruh will be preaching and Michael will also receive his license toward ordination during the worship service. Worship will take place in the sanctuary following the protocol set by our Covid Task Force, or you may livestream the service or watch later at the link that will be provided.

Palm Processional: Children are invited to join in a palm processional next Sunday, March 28 at the beginning of the worship service. Children should plan to be with their parents in the sanctuary as you arrive and then may go to the foyer during the announcements to receive branches and form a processional. Parents of young children are welcome to participate as well.

Fellowship Time following worship. See announcements for details.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The family of Lowell Heinrichs. Lowell passed away on Friday, March 19, at Schowalter Villa. Lord, hear our prayers for comfort and peace to surround Bonnie, Romney, Kendall and family.
- ★ Maynard Knepp shared about a conversation that he had with an MCC donor this past week. He said that this felt like "having a conversation with a modern day saint." Thanks be to God for the many people who generously offer their time, talents, and treasures in the name of Christ!
- ★ All who have been impacted by violence and the threat of terror. Remember those affected by the shootings this past week. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, continuing with medical treatments, and all who are grieving losses. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for pastors in WDC, and pray for God's strength and wisdom for them as they provide care, leadership and guidance for congregations in the face of many challenges.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ On behalf of the Deacons, Pastor Katherine shared that Lewis Unruh has agreed to complete John Unruh's Deacon term. Thanks be to God for Lewis' willingness to serve in this role! Thanks be to God for the gifts and care that John Unruh offered our congregation when he served as Deacon!
- ★ the rains that have come to replenish the earth and remind us of the hope that Spring brings!

Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation for the cards, prayers, thoughts, and well-wishes after the passing of Cayla's dad. We have both felt the support of the Tabor community during this difficult time.
Thank you.
~ Reece Hiebert and Cayla Lawless

Congregational Announcements

Fellowship Together: On March 28, immediately after the worship service, we will provide an opportunity for anyone who wants, to spend a few minutes chatting with each other in small groups that are set up just for that day. This will be outside or inside, depending on the weather and your comfort level of where you would like to be. This is for all ages and children are welcome to stay with their parents. We will focus on one or two questions for a total of no more than 30 minutes, and repeat this in coming Sundays. Questions? Contact Duane Duerksen or Carol Duerksen.

FIT, FRUIT and FAITH, the 2021 Tabor Wellness Challenge for adults and kids, will kick off on Monday, March 22nd! Please find attached this year's goals and weekly tracking sheet. Rewards include Newton Chamber Checks! Contact Kevin (nickel.kevinj@gamil.com) with questions or to be sent a daily tracking sheet. Good luck!

Meet Our New Mission Partners: Hello, dear friends, We are pleased to announce that we will be having a live virtual open house on Saturday, March 27 at 4:00 pm. We will be sharing a little bit of our story, as well as how we ended up desiring to serve in missions. Simon Jones, from London, will also be sharing a bit about the work we will be taking part in, and Sharon Norton, our field director, will be sharing as well. Click [here](#) to access our YouTube channel. ~Blessings, Joseph & Rachel

Maundy Thursday Service: As we pass the one-year mark of beginning to understand covid-19 as part of our lives, the GMA would like to offer a worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 1. The same (or a very similar) service will be offered at each of our buildings (Goessel Mennonite, Tabor Mennonite, Alexanderwohl Mennonite and Bethesda Home) with the idea that we are united as a community in our grief for those we've lost in this last year as well as our deep faith in Jesus as we remember the last supper he shared with his disciples and the passion and struggle of the final days of his life. The service will include lighting candles as a way to remember and honor our dead, taking communion, reading scripture, offering prayers and songs and extinguishing lights as we move into the darkness of Jesus' death.

Tabor's Maundy Thursday service will be offered at 7pm on Thursday, April 1 in the Hospitality Hall. This service will include communion. For anyone who does not feel comfortable worshiping in person, a drive thru communion option will be offered at 6:30 pm under the car port.

Share an Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 3. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday evening, March 31 to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver your lily to the church before Saturday, April 2 with the name of donor clearly marked on the bottom of the plant. Call before making your delivery to make sure the church is unlocked when you arrive. Donors may pick up their plants after the Easter service. Plants left at the church after Easter Sunday will be used in future Sunday visuals and/or taken to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Children's Faith Formation: We are hoping to plan an outdoor gathering for families of children preschool to 8th grade later this spring when the weather warms up. If you have any interest in helping plan this event, please contact Pam Abrahams or Pastor Katherine.

Camp Mennoscah Summer Youth Camps: Tabor Church Education Committee will again offer \$50 scholarships to all children attending camp. Due to uncertainties surrounding camp schedules and availability, scholarship money will not be paid to Camp Mennoscah directly. There will not be a sign up sheet for scholarships this year, instead, please contact the church office with the dates that your child/children attend camp and the scholarship money will be reimbursed directly to you.

New Hope Shelter: Chris Shimboff, New Hope Shelter volunteer coordinator is putting together an On Call List of people that are willing to volunteer to fill a shift or prepare a meal for the shelter, for when a church is not quite able to fill all of their slots. This is a way that Tabor Church can share love and care to people outside of our church. If you are interested, please let me (Barb Abrahams) know. If you have never served at New Hope, they continue to have training once a month and you can let me know that also.

~Barb Abrahams

Mennonite Youth Census: Mennonite Education Agency is asking for record updates for children/students in the Mennonite Church. The purpose of the Mennonite Education Agency Youth Census is to give Mennonite Church USA students of all ages access to the programs and activities of the church. On behalf of the institutions and agencies of Mennonite Church USA, MEA gathers demographic information about students — name, contact information (such as address and phone number), birth date, gender, race and school information. This information is then made available to Mennonite-related groups upon request. The information is not available to groups outside Mennonite Church USA. The data is not used for fund-raising purposes and may not be posted on the internet. If you do not want information for your child/children given to MEA, please contact Kim Funk before April 6 to let her know.

2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

July 2 and 3, Fairgrounds in Hutchinson

Bohne Berrogi Sales at Moundridge High School on April 3 from 9:30-10:30 am. \$20.00 a dozen, no sauce. No advance orders. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi. Left overs will be frozen and sold at a later date. Support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

Plants and Things booth will be open on April 10, 9am - 6pm at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse.

Donations of plants: Bring to the MCC Building on Friday afternoon, April 9. This will be a drive through donation with volunteers collecting your donations. If you wish to make a donation and can't make this time frame, please contact Kristi at 1-620 367-2721 or email kdunruh97@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to help Friday to accept plants and help set up. On Saturday volunteers are needed to help with organization and cashiers. Please see sign up information and more details in the email sent on March 19, or go to KMRS website at www.kansas.mccsale.org

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference :

--**Reconnecting Hope for Immigrants:** Thursday, March 25 7pm ZOOM networking meeting hosted by WDC Immigration Task Force. Reconnect with other churches to hear about their advocacy on behalf of immigrants. Hear from MCC's National Advocacy Director Tammy Alexander. How should our work go forward? What is your church doing or what do they hope to do? Contact wdc@mennowdc.org for the ZOOM invitation.

--**All women and girls** are invited to the Western District Women in Mission 2021 Spring Soiree Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm for a virtual night of worship, music and a reflection on "Faith in Turbulent Times." Email WDWM2021SpringSoiree@gmail.com to register by April 5. A zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

Camp Mennoscah: Amphitheater improvement project work days are scheduled: March 26-27, April 2-3, April 9-10, May 14-15. Ask about lodging if you would like to stay overnight. A team of five volunteers will work from 9 am-4 pm each day installing the new stone benches. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you when you come, and plan to arrive at the North cabin area to check in around 9 am. Call 620-297-3290 or email office@campmennoscah.org or to volunteer for this project.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In this issue: MDS needs volunteers to help with plumbing repairs in Texas, the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations in Canada and the Summer Youth Program is accepting applications from youth volunteers. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3rYxwbR>

Hesston College: Renewed Life with Bel Canto Singers will be presented at the Mullet Drive Parking Lot, Hesston College, Sunday, March 28, at 3 pm. This is a community worship service with music of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Join us in person or on the Fine Arts Livestream.

Deep Growth

Sermon Outline

John 12:20-33

vs. 20-22: **In Pursuit** of Jesus

vs. 23: **Prophecy** given

vs. 24-26: **Divine Paradox**

vs. 27-29: **Perplexing** Times

vs. 20-34: **A Promise** Given

Hymns for Worship

Unless a Grain of Wheat

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1) Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth, falls to the earth and dies,
it remains only a grain of wheat, and never the blade shall rise.

Refrain:

For the grain of wheat produces much fruit, but only if it dies.
Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth, never the blade shall rise.

3) If anyone would serve me, come and follow me;
come and follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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1) In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2) There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3) In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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1) We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, God, we thank you God, for all your love.

3) We thank you, then, Creator, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime, and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome: our humble, thankful hearts.

Offering and Worship March 14, 2021

Offering = \$ 5,350.00

Attendance = 76

Worship Link Views = 79

Views to links may include more than one person

Giving at Tabor

You are welcome to bring your offerings and place them in the containers that are available as you enter the sanctuary.

You may also continue 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.

*Donations will also be accepted for the basement remodel project.
Please write a separate check to Tabor Mennonite Church with
'basement project' clearly indicated on the memo line.*

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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.

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