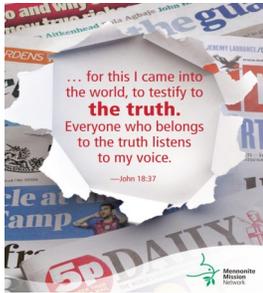


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LENT 4: SUBMISSION AND POWER

On this fourth Sunday of Lent we take a closer look at the interaction between Jesus and Pilate from John 18:28-40. As we do so we are invited to reflect on submission and power and to see that Jesus understood and demonstrated power so differently from what we expect. In the midst of this we are led to consider the same question Pilate asks... "What is truth?"

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bill Unruh
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹		
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING HYMN	"Jesus Shall Reign" -v 1, 3, 4, 5	No. 414
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
CHILDREN'S STORY		Leann Toews
WORSHIP MUSIC		Donavon Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	John 18:28-40	Venita Schroeder
SERMON		Pastor Todd Schlosser
EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	"My Song Is Love Unknown" -v 1-4	No. 320
LENTEN DRAMA	"Pilate's Story"	Bruce Funk, Diane Unruh
*POEM OF CONFESSION		
*HYMN	"View the Present"	No. 407
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	No. 411

¹The call to worship and other elements of this service are taken from the Worship Resources for Lent-Easter 2026, "Dwelling in Dissonance" from MennoMedia's Leader magazine.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 15

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Lewis and Carrie Unruh. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/H-jXX6psPY0?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

Mon, Mar 16, 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, Mar 17, Secretary's regular office hours

9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, Mar 18, No regular Wednesday evening activities

Thurs, Mar 19, Secretary's regular office hours

Fri, Mar 20, Pastors' Day Off Secretary - morning hours

Next Sunday, March 22

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The focus this week is Complicity and Innocence. The scripture for reflection is John 19:1-16a. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC ministers who serve as chaplains or campus pastors in educational settings, retirement communities, businesses, hospitals and hospice programs, and pray for God's strength and wisdom to sustain them daily.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach served in Mongolia with JCS International for 32 years. She concluded that ministry at the end of 2025 and this month will mark the end of her work with Mission Network. Pray for her as she moves into retirement and re-establishes her life outside of Mongolia.

Thank You

Hello Tabor family. I am very appreciative of the care package I received. There are so many good things in there. I also would like to say thank you for all the other cards and text messages I have received from you throughout the year. It has been a great learning experience for me and I am grateful I am doing it. Thanks again - Sam

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Food Pantry: Your generosity has been appreciated! The Tabor Food Pantry shelves are stocked and overflowing with non-perishables. So much so that we are asking you to refrain from donations at this time. Don't worry, we will let you know when we start running low! Thank you so much for your support of this ministry in our community!

As we are getting close to the end of our Wednesday evening schedule, here is a short schedule for the rest of the semester.

March 18 - Spring break - no class

March 25 - meal (Museum Pizza Fundraiser) and classes

- K-5 Jeopardy with Nate and Brandy

-Pine car work night for anyone needing help cutting cars

-TMYF MCC relief kit shopping

April 1 - Pine Car Derby - no meal

Please join the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's board and staff for a fundraiser meal on Wednesday, March 25, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Along with Menno Bros. pizza, they'll be fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies, and, of course, your good company! Your donations will be gratefully accepted and used for our general operating budget.

Community and Conference Announcements

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner will be Saturday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Tabor Mennonite Church. Featured speaker Gregg Schroeder will present "A Journey Home: Tracing my Ancestry," reflecting on Mennonite journeys from Prussia through Ukraine to North America and the faith that carried them. A delicious dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Ticket prices are \$75 per adult, \$15 for ages 12 and under, and first-time attendees are only \$40 per person. To make reservations, contact the museum by Monday, March 16; call 620-367-8200 or email goesselmuseum@gmail.com. Please join us and support the museum!

MCC Children's Auction: Donations - We are gathering new, in the package items and your donations are a huge part of making the event a success! You can never go wrong with favorites like Hot Wheels, Barbies, board games, LEGO sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Additional popular item categories include: Building sets, Craft and activity kits, Puzzles, Plush animals, Outdoor toys. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to the Sale, or brought directly to the Pride of Kansas building on Friday or on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m.

-Call for Volunteers - We're looking for volunteers to help clerk the **Children's Auction** at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. If you're interested in clerking, we would be grateful for your help. Please contact bkohlman@conradeinsurance.com Thank you for supporting the Children's Auction and MCC's mission through your time and service!

-Get your youth involved! The My Coins Count booth needs new leadership, creating a great opportunity to get the youth of your church introduced to the fun that is KMRS. The time commitment to this booth is minimal, with one or two people to staff the booth Friday evening and one or two more on Saturday morning. During this time, they will simply collect coins from churches and individuals and run them through the automated coin-counting machine. Outside of that, we need one person to attend 3-4 evening meetings (one per month starting in January) lasting one hour each to take two minutes to remind KMRS leaders and congregational liaisons about the booth, and have them continue pushing coin collection. This is a quick and easy way of getting our area youth involved in the sale with one adult to lead and coordinate. If you are able to help, text "Coins" to 620.755.2583 or email eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org

Women & Girls! Come join us for our annual Mennonite Women in Mission's potluck salad supper on Monday, April 20, 6 pm at the Tabor Mennonite Church. Our guest speaker will be Kate Mast speaking on "Our Time, Our Stories, Our Stuff." Kate's presentation encourages us to think kindly about our stuff in relationship to our time and the stories we tell about our lives. Please bring a potluck salad and one small item that is a treasure of yours to share with your table group. RSVP is not required. More information is on our website at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on our Facebook page.

Camp Mennoscah: Camp Mennoscah's wants your stories about the role we have played in your faith! Personal stories are so meaningful to those who support camp and we would love to publicize your connection to this incredible place. If you are willing to let us publish the ways that Camp Mennoscah has touched your life, please send an email to our Communications office at Eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org. Include how you were first introduced to Camp Mennoscah, your favorite aspect of camp and why it is your favorite, and how you feel your life is different today than it otherwise might have been were it not for your exposure to this organization, along with anything else you'd like to share. Please include a good contact method. Thank you!

-Men and Boys Retreat is April 17-19 sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. Registration will take place either in person at the shed by the basketball court or online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>. Please check in at the shed, even if you register online. Lodging is available in the bunkhouses, cabins, or your own tent. **There are two 20 amp RV hookups and two 30 amp RV hookups available in the south (boys) cabin area on a pole of the gazebo.** The hookups/outlets are not spread out and are only electrical. Meals are available for Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Contact Kevin N. at 316-322-5515.

-Online Registration for the 2026 Summer Youth Camps is open. The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

Scholarships are available-see list on the bulletin board.

-The 2026 Summer Staff (alphabetical order by position) are the following cool folks: Mara Oswald (crafts), Josiah Buller (grounds/maintenance), Noah Schrag (grounds/maintenance), Camryn Entz (lifeguard), Lily Schloneger (lifeguard), Maddie Tegeler (lifeguard), Daniel Miller (nature), Ethan Wilcox (music), and Adah Hodge (office). Say hello and send prayers for a safe, fun, and faith-fulfilling summer!

-The Summer Camp Schedule is as follows:

Junior I—June 14-19, Grades 6, 7 & 8, Fall 2026

PreJunior I—June 21-25, Grades 4 & 5, Fall 2026

First Camp—June 25-27, Grades 3 & 4, Fall 2026

PreJunior II—July 5-9, Grades 4 & 5, Fall 2026

Junior High—July 12-17, Grades 8 & 9, Fall 2026

Junior II—July 19-24, Grades 6, 7 & 8, Fall 2026

Senior High July 26-31, Grades 10-12, Fall 2026 (2026 graduating seniors register on the Graduating Senior Wait List)

Bethel College: Bethel College is on spring break March 16-20. Most offices and services are open but some may be on reduced hours. The Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center is closed. There is no Life Enrichment this week.

-Sun., March 22 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Carolyn Zeisset, "Caught in the Middle Between Voices of Conscience and Voices of Patriotism," 3 p.m., *Kauffman Museum Auditorium*.

-Sun., March 29 – Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble spring concert, 4 p.m., Memorial Hall

Hesston College: Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform their home concert titled "Songs of Hope for a World in Need" at Hesston Mennonite Church on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. The home concert follows Bel Canto's 10-day spring break tour throughout the eastern United States, March 13 to 22. Bel Canto is directed by Interim Music Director Greg Bontrager. The concert is free and open to all.

-March 25-26-Melva Kauffman Lecture Series—"Slow Peace: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia" with Dr. Angela Lederach. Dr. Lederach will speak on Wednesday, March 25 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church with a cookie reception to follow both evening lectures. See the poster on the community board or go to hesston.edu/melva.

Host an International Exchange Student - Families and adults in our community are invited to host an international high school exchange student for the upcoming school year through SHARE!, a nonprofit educational foundation. Students speak English, bring their own spending money, and are fully covered by medical insurance. Host families simply provide a safe, caring home and include the student as part of daily family life. Hosting is a wonderful way to share American culture, build lifelong friendships, and make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. For more information about becoming a host family, contact SHARE!: 800-941-3738 sharesouthwest.org/contact

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service Live out your faith through service! Applications are open for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is **open to individuals age 20+**, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with nonprofits addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

Placements are available in the following locations: Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA hosted a special, smaller-scale **Hope for the Future 2026** gathering in San Antonio, Texas, which brought together BIPOC leaders for deep discernment, spiritual renewal and strategic visioning. Read about their call for greater interdependence and collective liberation, as well as where they are finding hope in challenging times, here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-2026/>

-Spiritual director Marlene Kropf invites congregations to plan a **Lenten Quiet Morning** as a contemplative practice rooted in Jesus' desert retreat, encouraging prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal amid life's chaos. Read her Menno Snapshots blog and download her free planning resource here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/lenten-quiet-morning/>

AMBS: Online Practical Leadership Training modules. Grow your leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's affordable short-term online modules! Upcoming offerings include Anabaptism and Professional Organizations; Being the Church amid Polarization and Conflict; From Fixing to Listening: Coaching for Leaders; and Teaching the Bible in an Age of Distraction. CEUs available. Register today! ambs.edu/plt

-Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Biblical Storytelling; Christian Leadership in the 21st Century; and History of Christian Spirituality. **In-person courses** (also open to auditors) include Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life and the Trail of Death Pilgrimage. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit! Sign up by April 1 for the Trail of Death Pilgrimage and by May 4 for all other courses. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Upcoming Dates

April 1: Pine Car Derby
 April 2: Maundy Thursday soup supper and service
 June 1-5: VBS Week at Tabor

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 8, 2026

Offering = \$ 17,864.24	Attendance = 119
Adult FF = \$ 23.00	Attendance = 35
Jr. FF = \$ 16.76	Attendance = 43

Worship Link Views = 45



KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11

Website: kansas.mccsale.org

CHILDREN'S OFFERING hit a New High breaking the Century mark last Sunday, \$103.88. Isn't that cool? Let's do it again.

THIS SAT. IS VERENIKE MAKING DAY, Mar. 21, Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to relieve the stress in your life!! Kids thru Grandparents.

Register for the Tabor 5K Team.

SIGN-UP to help bake Zweibach and Pies. Pie Tins and Plastic Bags are available on the MCC Tables in Hospitality Hall.

Start bringing your donations and put them on the Tables in Hospitality Hall.

If there are any Musical Groups that would like to perform at the MCC Sale, please talk to any Tabor Contact Persons.

Tabor Contact Persons are: Sarahanne, Jim and Diana, Kris, Leann and Jerry

THANKS for all your Generous Pre-Sale Expense Donations Tabor. Kansas Mennonites have again raised ALL \$89,000 for Pre-Sale Expenses. ALL PROCEEDS OF THE KMRS WILL GO TO THOSE IN NEED!!!



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To visit with church staff, it is recommended to call ahead to ensure someone is available.

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