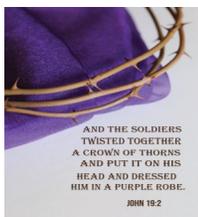


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LENT 5: COMPLICITY AND INNOCENCE

This week, our attention turns to Jesus' "trial." Notice the roles various people play in this horrible moment. We are faced with our dissonance when we feel powerless, complicit, innocent, or accused. ¹

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield & Elizabeth Dubuisson
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP ¹
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 325
accompanied by Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING *John 19:1-16a* Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "When We Are Tempted" SS No. 81
- LENTEN DRAMA "A religious leader's truth" Marcene Entz
- *POEM OF CONFESSION
- *HYMN "Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God" No. 149
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "Let There Be Light" No. 714
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

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.

Sunday, March 22

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/PRcZ0nGDDV0?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

- Mon, Mar 23,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Mar 24,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Mar 25,** **5:45 pm** - Fellowship Meal - Pizza Fundraiser - MHAM
-Pine car work night for anyone needing help cutting cars
6:15—7:15 pm - Classes & Music for preschool -5th grade
(K-5 Jeopardy with Nate and Brandy)
6:30-7:30 pm - Classes & Music for Jr High
- TMYF - MCC relief kit shopping
7:30-8:30 pm - Church Choir
- Thurs, Mar 26,** **9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor
6:30 pm - Deacons' Meeting

Next Sunday, March 29

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday. We continue with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The scripture for reflection is John 19:16b-22 and John 12:12-27. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they listen for the leading of God's Spirit in selecting nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference, and give thanks for those who say "yes" when invited to serve.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for more than 30 years. Praise God that the Brazilian churches they serve with are experiencing a time of growth, with multiple families being sent out to plant more churches and the already-established churches increasing the number of services they offer.

Congregational Announcements

Pine car kits - We will have the pine car kits available after church this Sunday and also next Wednesday evening before supper for the K-5th grade and the Jr-Hi class. We will have tools available to work on cars on Wednesday evening as well. The race will be at 6:30 pm on April 1st, check-in starts at 6:00 pm. Contact Brent or Dale with questions.

You are invited to donate lilies to honor loved ones at the worship service on Easter Sunday. Please deliver the plants to the east foyer of the church by **11 AM on Saturday, April 4.** Tape a label on the bottom of the pot with the name of the donor and the person(s) to be honored. Give the name of the donors and the persons to be honored to Diane Unruh (secretary@tabormennonite.org or on paper in her box) by Wednesday, April 1 at noon for inclusion in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Donors may pick up their lilies 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.

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, there will 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.

New books in the library! Sparkling Peace - provides a springboard for those seeking to discuss gun violence and trauma with children in a safe way that highlights help rather than harm. Light To Share - introduces 12 Jesus followers who discovered their gifts and shared them with the world. There are also a large number of donated fiction books by popular authors (Beverly Lewis, Tracie Peterson, Nancy Mehl). All are now ready for you to check out and read!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Tabor Mennonite Church the week of **June 1-5 from 8:30-11:45am.** The theme, #KidsConnect, includes activities that encourage children to connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages. We are looking for volunteers to help make this a wonderful experience! Please consider signing up to help using this link. <https://forms.gle/277uSHJzttXUJVUm6> Any questions can be directed to Eunice Nickel, Renae Peters, or Pam Abrahams

Community and Conference Announcements

The MDS March edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on 22 years of service with MDS, learn how you can get involved with the MDS family program and you can relive the experience of our Annual Celebration online. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4lvbFW5>

Sierra Williams, Social Work Professor at Bethel College will share about her recent trip to Palestine on Sunday afternoon, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Alexanderwohl. Come to hear about Sierra's experiences and learnings from this war-torn part of our world. All are welcome!

Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. 1st St., Newton) will host the next in-person meeting of the Kansas Repair Communities, Mon., March 23, at 5:30 p.m. This is a good chance to find out about a group of Newton- and Wichita-area folks who have been working for the past year to build relationships with the indigenous nations in Kansas and to move toward legislation regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People (MMIP) in Kansas. Snacks will be provided.

MCC: Register now to be a part of the MCC Sale Run for Relief - a 5K run/walk along a paved path by a creek! Walkers and runners of all ages and abilities are welcome! Entrants receive a t-shirt and a New Year's cookie. **Deadline for a t-shirt is March 27!** Help support relief and development around the world even further by asking others to sponsor your run/walk! Scan the QR code on the poster hanging (insert location at your church) or for more info visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/>

-Get your youth involved! The My Coins Count booth needs new leadership. 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. 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

Blood Drive: "Give Hope This Spring!" when you donate blood - **April 6 between 12:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church.** Sign up at redcrossblood.org For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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: 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. 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/>

See list on the bulletin board for dates of camps and scholarships that are available.

Camp Mennoscah wants to remind all their friends and supporters at Tabor Mennonite that there remains a **\$5,000 challenge within your congregation to support the completion of the retreat center.** Across our partner churches, this initiative has raised almost \$140,000, and just over \$3,500 remains available still to be matched here at Tabor. To have YOUR investment in the future of camp doubled, simply write "Tabor match" in the memo line of your check, or text "Match" to 620.755.2583, and a representative of Camp Mennoscah will be happy to pick up your gift.

Bethel College: Sun., March 22 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Carolyn Zeisset, "Caught in the Middle Between Voices of Conscience and Voices of Patriotism," **has moved to Zoom, 3 p.m.,** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89861064083?pwd=C7M8myHWBtMmLZpKGEzavzY0V4KLZa.1>

-Fri., March 27 – The annual Student Art Exhibit opens in the Regier Art Gallery

-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. 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. See the poster on the community board or go to hesston.edu/melva.

Mennonite Mission Network: Just Peace Pilgrimages — South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage - Hosted by [Iziko Lamaqabane](http://izikoLamaqabane) — This South African solidarity learning pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The pilgrimage will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.

Dates: September 9-22, 2026; the optional safari extends the trip by 3 days

Registration deadline: July 15 Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA's 2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide invites households to prepare for Holy Week with simple rituals, Scripture from John's Gospel and opportunities for reflection. This guide, titled "Dwelling in Dissonance," helps all ages hold grief and hope together, as we walk with Jesus toward resurrection. Available in English and Spanish. Download it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/lent-at-home-2026>

-Nathan Luitjens reflects on MC USA's annual **Conference Ministers' Retreat** and how MC USA leaders are re-centering their work around God's dream of shalom, reconciliation and faithful presence in local contexts. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/focusing-on-what-matters/>

-Webinar recording available: In "**Engaging Our Grief and Finding Resilience,**" hosts Ann Blackwood and Ruth Johnston explore how grief shows up in our lives and in the world, providing tools and practices to move through it with honesty, care and spiritual resilience. This webinar was sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's health care and wellbeing plan for pastors and church workers. Watch the recording here: <https://bit.ly/4aQ9to8>

AMBS: Trees of Life Retreat: May 29–30 (Friday at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Saturday at Camp Friedenswald). Limit: 15 participants. Register by May 4 for the for-credit course or by May 22 for the noncredit retreat. ambs.edu/trees

-Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 15 – May 26. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMEd, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of coura-

geously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 25 to save \$50. [ambbs.edu/online-short-courses](https://www.ambbs.edu/online-short-courses)

-The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: May 11–21. Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military’s 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive graduate-level course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by April 1. [ambbs.edu/trail-of-death](https://www.ambbs.edu/trail-of-death)



KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11

Website: [kansas.mccsale.org](https://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

We did it! We raised over \$100 two Sundays in a row for " My Coins Count". \$101.54 for last Sunday.

Register for the Tabor 5K Team.

Go to the MCC Sale site. All of the committees now have their sign up sheets for volunteers in the sign up genius.

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

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

Tabor Contact Persons: Jim & Diana Schmidt, Kristin Schmidt, Leann & Jerry Toews, Sarahanne Unruh

Upcoming Dates

- April 1: Pine Car Derby - no meal served
- April 2: Maundy Thursday soup supper and service
- April 5: Easter Breakfast before worship
- April 20: Mennonite Women in Mission Salad Supper
- June 1-5: VBS Week at Tabor

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 15, 2026

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| Offering = \$ 1,033.00 | Attendance = 85 |
| Adult FF = \$ 22.00 | Attendance = 20 |
| Jr. FF = \$ 1.00 | Attendance = 10 |

Worship Link Views = 49



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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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The church office is normally open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday a.m. with pastors days off on Friday. These times are flexible. To visit with church staff, it is recommended to call ahead to ensure the person you wish to speak to is available.

Deacons:

Nancy Funk Larry Goerzen
Nathan Graber Denise Nickel Kristi Unruh