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PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

Today we tell both the story of Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem beside the John 19 continuation of Jesus' crucifixion. We will dwell in the dissonance of Jesus' triumphal entry followed by his death only a handful of days later. And we will spend time reflecting on how these two stories lead us to consider the dissonance in our world and in our own lives leaving us eternally grateful for Jesus encouraging us to ready ourselves for the resurrection joy to be experienced next week.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP¹
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN AND PALM PROCESSIONAL
"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" No. 316
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber
- SCRIPTURE READING *John 12:12-27; John 19:16b-22* Sheri Schmidt
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Not by Your Might" No. 538
- LENTEN DRAMA Sheri Schmidt, Kara Swartzendruber, Tammy Wintermote
- *POEM OF CONFESSION
- *HYMN "We Read the Cross" No. 569
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN "Revelation Song" No. 415
- *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 29

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

9:30 am: Worship

Children should go to the back of the sanctuary at the end of announcements for the processional during the first hymn.

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/9KeDUSHQyaM?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

- Mon, Mar 30,** 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Mar 31,** 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Apr 1,** 12 noon - First Wednesday Lunch
NO Fellowship Meal served
6:30 - Pine Car Race - Hospitality Hall
7:30-8:30 pm - Church Choir
- Thurs, Apr 2,** 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday meal and service

Next Sunday, April 5

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. We will start the morning with an **Easter Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 am**. The Easter celebration will continue at a **10:00 am worship service** with scriptures, songs, and the Easter Choir singing. There will not be Faith Formation.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill, and their two children, are wrapping up their first two-year mission term at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center and will begin their second term soon. Pray for clarity as they plan their next term, and pray that their family would be able to find time for rest and connection.

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and clarity as we discern God's vision for new church plants and emerging ministries.
-WDC Church Planting Commission

Congregational Announcements

Pine Car Race - 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.

Vacation Bible School: Tabor and Alexanderwohl churches will be hosting VBS at Tabor 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 from both congregations to make this a wonderful experience! Please consider signing up to help using the link emailed out or scan the QR code. Any questions can be directed to Eunice Nickel, Renae Peters, or Pam Abrahams.



Tabor-Alexanderwohl VBS
Staff Sign-Up

New books in the library! Sparking 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!

Community and Conference Announcements

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.

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/>

MCC Sale Urgent Needs: Help us find someone willing to help with these positions. Tap shoulders. Pray someone will step up to help. Contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186; jim-robb2021@gmail.com for more info.

***New Year Cookies Frying Committee - If committee positions are not filled, there may not be New Years Cookies next year.** We are looking for four people to learn the system of frying New Year Cookies that helps generate over \$23,000 for the Relief Sale each year. Creative options for fulfilling this service opportunity are welcome! This could be a Church/larger group that divides the tasks up, multiple couples in charge of different days, etc. Tasks include initial cleaning and set up of the trailer, preparation of the dough and monitoring the volunteers frying and glazing the cookies. Individuals/group will learn from current committee members this year and take over leadership for 2027 Sale.

***Enthusiastic Ringman for Quilt Auction** - 15+ years old; Willing to be out going and engage bidders to bring top dollar for quilts; Able to project voice in a crowd

***Friday Verenike Frying for Feeding the Multitude** - Two people are needed to learn the art of steaming and frying verenike Friday Only for this year's Feeding the Multitude. Next year you will take the lead.

ETC: We are BUSTIN' AT THE SEAMS with housewares and book donations! We have explored numerous options to process these items more quickly, but none seemed to be the solution. We are asking for the support of our supporting churches to help us process these items, and we are reducing our prices to move them more quickly. Are there youth groups, men's groups, women's groups, or any individuals who would like to help us out? Give us a call at 316-283-9461 to schedule a time to come in! Please invite your friends, family, and congregants to join in. This DOES NOT mean we will be turning donations away. We are just trying to move the stock we have as quickly as we can!

Mennonite Women in Mission's salad supper - Monday, April 20, 6 pm at Tabor
More information is on our website at mennonitewomeninmission.org or on our Facebook page.

MOVING TOWARD RIGHT RELATIONS: Join us for a transforming personal accountability training as we seek together to move toward right relations with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the Kansas Repair Communities, MCC-Central States, and Western District Conference and led by staff from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. **Friday, April 24, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** All sessions in the Fellowship Hall of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas. Meals provided Friday evening and Saturday noon. There is no registration fee, but registration is required (deadline April 17). [Register HERE!](#) Questions? Please contact Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (adast@bethelks.edu) or 316-842-9751.

On Friday April 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a relief kit packing event happening on behalf of Bethel College Service club and MCC held at the MCC building. We will have a meal of hotdogs and hamburgers along with some sides and desserts that will be paid for by donation (suggested amount \$15). All donations will go back to MCC to make more relief kits! Bethel College's Woven and Open Road will also be giving a small concert during the time. Following the meal we will be packing relief kits with a goal of 500 kits! Come join us for an evening of singing and service! There is a **signup sheet** on the bulletin board so they know about how many to plan for.



Camp Mennoscah: Men and Boys Retreat is April 17-19 Register in person 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.** Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

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

Camp Mennoscah reminds all 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 29— Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble spring concert, 4 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

-Sat., April 4— Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot

-Mon., April 6— Bethel College will present its **2025 alumni awards in convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

-Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College— annual Student Art Exhibit, featuring the work of students in Bethel College art classes

MCC: Urgent Opening, apply by April 17! MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/careers. Or contact RoxyReyes@mcc.org

-MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. For the full job description and to apply: [Canner Operator](#) or contact MCC at 1-888-563-4676.

Mennonite Disaster Service is happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in **Central Kansas!** For the Family Program, we love serving with grandparents, parents, children, church family, etc! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill! **Location:** The MDS Family Project will take place in **Hesston, Kansas**, this summer. Central Kansas offers meaningful access to service opportunities through Anabaptist organizations that serve those in need locally, nationally, and around the world. **Work:** In the MDS cabinet shop, participants will build cabinets for installation in new homes for disaster survivors. Volunteers may be able to assist in building toolboxes with leftover wood. Volunteers will assemble MCC kits that will be distributed globally to support communities facing hardship. In addition, volunteers will assist Hesston College with campus preparations, helping ensure everything is ready to welcome students in August. The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers. The weeks available to serve in Central Kansas are: **June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4.** Come join us for a hands-on way for families to serve together while making a tangible impact! Reach out if you have any interest or availability! You can learn more about the Family Program [HERE](#) on the MDS website.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service - God is calling **individuals ages 20+** to vibrant communities across the country to participate in Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). MVS is accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. Serve with nonprofits, live in community, and connect with a local church. **Placements are available in the following locations:** Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

Mennonite Church USA: Amy Yoder McGloughlin, MC USA denominational minister for education, reflects on her call to ministry and **how congregations can nurture the next generation of pastors** through spiritual practices, mentoring, intergenerational worship and intentional encouragement of God’s call. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/nurture-a-call-to-ministry/>

-Stay informed about MC USA-affiliated schools and higher eds by subscribing to “Prayers for Education.” MC USA’s quarterly e-newsletter features prayer requests submitted by our Mennonite educational institutions and organized by week. Subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/467dSR7> Read the current issue here: <https://bit.ly/4kFXFbi>

AMBS: Orienting With the Word This five-month program of AMBS’s Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical competency through Bible study. The next cohort runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 13, and the program is free to participating congregations. Apply by June 15! ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word

-Webinar series: Gain inspiration and insight from AMBS faculty in these webinars geared toward young adults. Recordings of the three webinars are available here: ambs.edu/find-your-way

-Seminary scholarships for VSers. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers a 75% tuition discount to current Mennonite Voluntary Service or Shalom Project participants and a \$1,500 scholarship to former voluntary service participants for graduate-level coursework. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course, or tap a shoulder! Check eligibility requirements: ambs.edu/vs



KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11

Website: kansas.mccsale.org

CHILDREN’S COIN OFFERING pulled in \$103.04 This is the 3rd Sunday in a row OVER the Century Mark!!!! Way to go TABOR!!!

PARENTS & SS TEACHERS; PLEASE help promote getting our Grade School and Jr Hi involved in the sale in some way. The 5K is a GREAT opportunity as well as taking a 2 hr shift somewhere. If you are a HS Student not involved in Music Contest take a 2 hr shift.

Some new ideas for your 2 HR. Shift: Go to the website: kansas.mccsale.org then at top right click on Volunteer and you will see the following opportunities to HELP fill some of the 1000 volunteers needed.

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| Bohne Beroggi Bake Day | Plants & Things |
| Selling Baked Goods | Pie & Ice Cream Booth |
| Ham Gravy | KMRS Merchandise Booth |
| Info Booth | My Coins Count |
| KS Crafts Booth | Kids Activities |
| Selling New Years Cookies Booth | General Auction |
| Frying New Years Cookies | Cookie Booth |
| Verenike Booth (many options) | Bulk Meats Booth |
| Quilters Corner | Feeding the Multitude |

WE NEED YOUR HELP

General and Silent Auction items can be viewed on KMRS website at <https://kansas.mccsale.org/auctions/sunflower-auctions/>

Upcoming Dates	
April 12:	Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus-4:30 pm at Bethel College Memorial Hall
April 18:	Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus-4:30 pm at Tabor College Richert Auditorium
April 20:	Mennonite Women in Mission Salad Supper-6 pm
April 25:	TMYF Lock-In
April 26:	MHAM historic presentation of Goessel Volunteer Fire Dept. at Tabor Mennonite (see poster on bulletin board)
May 20:	VBS Staff Orientation
June 1-5:	VBS Week at Tabor

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 22, 2026			
Offering =	\$ 2,866.00	Attendance =	114
Adult FF =	\$ 13.00	Attendance =	17
Jr. FF =	\$ 16.67	Attendance =	33
Worship Link Views = 54			



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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.

Pastor: Katherine Goerzen	Todd Schlosser
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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