

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## *Witness to God's Peace*

Peace permeates the story of Jesus and the message of God's Good News. It is a central teaching of the Anabaptist tradition. Peace is not the mere absence of war, but encompasses the call to justice and reconciliation. Peace and justice are inextricably intertwined. According to the prophets, worship of God is empty without the presence of justice.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE		Marcene Entz
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Leann Toews
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Micah 6: 6-8</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Micah"</i>	No. 95CS
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*PRAYER AND HYMN OF CONFESSION	<i>"Oh, Lord have mercy"</i>	No. 47 SJ
*WORDS OF ASSURANCE	<i>from Luke 1: 78-79</i>	
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	

### PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Sonatas for Trombone"</i> —Galliard	Dawson Duerksen Michelle Unruh, accompanist
CHILDREN'S STORY		Jill Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Ephesians 2: 11-22</i>	Brent Abrahams
The Word of God for the people of God ~ <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
SERMON	<i>"Jesus is our Peace"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt

### RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"We are people of God's peace"</i>	No. 407
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen

### SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Now go in peace"</i>	No. 74 SJ
*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE		

## Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Darwin and Kim Funk and Diane Loewen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Carrie Unruh and Elizabeth Alderfer.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**—Catechism.

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Bruce and Eileen Schmidt's 50th wedding anniversary on March 29. Praise God for the gift love.



## This Week

**Tues. April 2: 10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting.

**Wed. April 3: Wednesday Evening Activities.**  
**7:00 p.m.**—Pine Car Derby. *Weigh-in at 6:30.*

**Thurs. April 4: 12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch.  
**Bulletin Announcements are due by 8 a.m.**

## Next Sunday, April 7

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday, we continue our Lenten worship series focusing on the "Journey Forward" worship resources from Mennonite Church USA. Our theme will be Witness to God's Peace, scripture focus is Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 2:2-4; Matthew 26:47-56, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**12:00 p.m.**—Membership meal.

**7:00 p.m.**—Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College campus.

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on March 24.*

- ★ Pastor Katherine thanked the congregation for care and support following the death of her grandma, Elva Plett. Thanks be to God, and Lord, hear our prayer for continued comfort and peace to be with Katherine and family.
- ★ Pastor Phil requested continued prayers for others who are grieving the loss of loved ones, including Nathan Graber and family, LaVerta Schmidt, Warren Schmidt and family. Lord, hear our prayer.

