

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 10



## Images of the Cross: *Reconciliation*

Today we continue our Lenten "Images of the Cross" worship series by reflecting on Ephesians 2:11-22 and the image of reconciliation made possible through Christ's work of both destruction and construction.

### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert

MUSICAL INTRIO "I Am a Promise" -Gaither Children of Light  
Duet: Isabelle Alderfer and Corynn Nickel, Pianist: Michelle Unruh

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

PROCESSION OF THE CROWN OF THORNS Norma Graber  
HYMN "When I survey the wondrous cross" -vs. 1, 3, 4 No. 259

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Colossians 1:15-20*

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Just as I am" No. 516

\*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Rosie Jantz

WORSHIP MUSIC "Hear Me, Redeemer" -Mollicone Adult Choir  
Soloist: Shelby Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:11-22* Donavon Schmidt  
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON "Destroying Divisions" Pastor Phil Schmidt

### RESPONDING AND SENDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Holy Spirit, Storm of love" No. 132

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SENDING HYMN "Lift high the cross" No. 321

\*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 Phil and Sarahanne Unruh and family and Jose and Violeta Saustegui. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

**What is the meaning of the cross?** If you haven't done so already (or want to submit another response), please take a paper from your pew, write your response (a word or phrase) and place in the basket located in the foyer.

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 Jill and Eric Litwiller.

**Please leave items for MCC Relief Kits in the basket in the foyer.**

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. Joint Adult Faith Formation with Kara Hartzler in the Hospitality Hall.

**7:00 p.m.**—Newton Community Chorale presents Prelude to Spring, Bethel College Mennonite Church. Camille Adrian and Emil Schmidt are part of this choir -- attend the concert and hear them sing!

## This Week

**Monday, March 9, 7 p.m.**— Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

**Wednesday, March 11—Wednesday Evening Activities**

**Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m.**—WDC Women's Spring Supper

**Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.**—Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum Heritage Dinner in Tabor Church Hospitality Hall.

## Next Sunday, March 15

**9:30 a.m.**— Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent and our worship focus is "Images of the Cross." The image we will focus on next week is "Sacrifice," scripture for reflection is John 19:28-37, and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

**March 8 Relief Kit Items:** Large bars laundry soap. *Please see shopping list for details.*

### Dates to Remember:

March 19: Stories & Stuff

March 22: Tabor leads Chapel at Kidron Bethel

March 24: Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch

March 25: Pine Car Derby

March 25 - 31: Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter

March 26: TMW Salad Supper

March 27 & 28: Comforter event

March 29: Community Jr. High Fooseball at Tabor Church Park

## Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on March 1

- ★ Pastor Rosie requested prayer for Tabor members and their families who were deeply impacted by the shooting that took place 4 years ago at Excel Industries in Hesston, KS. Lord, hear our prayer for your love and compassion to encircle the families.
- ★ Dawson gave thanks for the opportunity to attend "Youth Lead Now," a workshop designed to train youth in leadership skills to use in their churches and communities. Thanks be to God for this inspiring experience that Dawson was able to participate in last Saturday.
- ★ Pastor Rosie shared that Cliff Unruh passed away early Sunday morning. Lord, hear our prayer for the family. Surround them with your love and comfort as they grieve, and as they remember their father and grandfather.
- ★ Kathy expressed gratitude for her art and design team: Violetta and Jose, Phyllis, Grace and especially Brandy who is designing the Images of the Cross visuals during the Lenten season. Thanks be to God for the ways we are drawn into worship through these magnificent works of art and design.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ For the world, for those in positions of power and authority and for all who do justice and love mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are with the Unruh family.

## Thanks

We would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of all the Goessel Community Junior Highers for your support at our annual fundraiser meal last Sunday. It was fun to see our junior highers working together and the fellowship among everyone there. This ministry wouldn't be possible if not for all of you. Please keep us in your prayers as we anticipate and plan for Camp Tawakoni in May! Thank you!

~Michelle Unruh & Laura Unrau

Thank you to the Tabor Church community for all the various ways you've offered your encouragement and support to us these past couple of weeks. We have appreciated each one and together they are helping us through this experience of Jim's surgery and recuperation.

~Jim and Diana Schmidt

## Gratitude

*Whether we think about it or not, all of our cups are full and running over. All of us have more to be grateful for than we can begin to name. There's a gratitude mug in the foyer for us to fill with our expressions of thankfulness. Each Sunday in March, we will share some of the things that we are grateful for at Tabor.*

~Sunshine!

~Music: Choral, Hymns, Instrumental

~Dry Roads

~Praying Friends

~Christ's love unending

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 1, 2020

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| Offering = \$ 5,202.41 | Attendance = 170 |
| Adult F.F. = \$ 34.00  | Attendance = 58  |
| Jr. F.F. = \$ 6.78     | Attendance = 35  |



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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