



Jonah: Fugitive

Today we begin our worship series focused on Jonah, the prophet who tried to run away from God. As we enter into the story of Jonah, let us also recognize and confess our own tendency to avoid or run away from God’s call in our lives.

WORSHIP

Table with 3 columns: Activity, Scripture/Topic, and Leader. Rows include: PRELUDE (Deloris Schmidt), WELCOME AND PRAYER (Peter Goerzen), HYMN OF PRAISE 'I sing the mighty power of God' -vs. 1 & 3 No. 46 (Donavon Schmidt, leader), CHILDREN’S STORY (Pastor Rosie Jantz), SCRIPTURE READING 'Jonah 1:1-17' (Sheri Schmidt), SERMON 'Run Away!' (Pastor Phil Schmidt), SENDING and BLESSING (Pastor Katherine Goerzen), OFFERING and POSTLUDE 'Jonah' -Bryan Moyer Suderman

During postlude music you are welcome to bring your offering forward and also spend some time fellowshiping and visiting. As a reminder, please wear your mask outside of your vehicle.

Words for hymn: in bulletin
See attached document for worship transcript

Sunday, August 9

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God’s love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God’s saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

We invite everyone to join our drive-in church service at 8:30am. Come to Tabors’ East parking lot, park cars facing West at least 6 feet apart, and turn off vehicles during the service. You will be able to hear the service by tuning your car radio to FM 107.1 or by listening to the speakers with your windows down. Please bring ice water to stay cool. The service will not be longer than 45 minutes. We plan to keep the church building locked during the service. At the end of the service, we invite people to put on their masks, exit their vehicles, bring their offerings forward, and spend some time doing neighborhood visiting across the hoods of your vehicles. We look forward to seeing you! We will still have our Zoom Faith Formation classes at 10:30 that morning.

7:30 p.m.: Book Study via Zoom. Drew G.I. Hart’s book, Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact Pastor Phil.

This Week

Monday, Aug. 10, 1-6 pm: Red Cross blood drive at Goessel Mennonite Church. No walk-ins.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10 am: Staff Zoom meeting.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 7:00 pm: Men’s Bible Study. See announcements.

Next Sunday, August 16

Next Sunday we will continue our worship series focused on the Biblical book of Jonah. The specific focus will be on Jonah chapter 2, when he prays to God from inside the fish, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those in our community and those close to us who have tested positive with the COVID-19 virus and are recovering. We also pray for those persons under quarantine due to exposure, and for all who are living with uncertainty and anxiety due to the pandemic. Pray for awareness and responsibility in doing our part in helping to stop the spread of this virus. Lord, hear our prayer.
★ our school leadership as they continue making decisions for resuming classes this fall. Pray for wisdom and clarity in taking precautions for children and teachers alike. Also pray for parents as they make choices that are offered for sending their children to school. Lord, hear our prayer.

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for children and youth in WDC congregations, and for their families, teachers and mentors, as preparations for a new school year unfold in the face of challenging circumstances.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, serving with MMN, request prayer for Ecuador where COVID-19 cases continue to rise and the economic situation worsens. Pray for Quito Mennonite Church as the congregation inaugurates a seed grant initiative this month to help people get back on their feet.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for college students who begin returning to campus this month, especially those from identified hotspot areas who will need to quarantine for 14 days.

### Congregational Announcements

**Zoom Faith Formation:** We invite everyone to connect to a Zoom video call at 10:30am. After about 15 min. of connecting, sharing prayer requests, and a prayer, we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below (you can connect using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or you can even call in using a regular phone). Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:  
Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372 ) followed by pressing the # key twice.

**Small Group Gatherings:** If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

**Thank you for your support of New Hope Shelter.** Tabor will be serving at the shelter August 12-18. If you are comfortable volunteering for an evening shift August 12-18, or a night shift August 14-15, please contact Barb Abrahams (367-2394, abrahams@mtelco.net). To help with meals contact John and Ruth Peters (367-3711, jpeters@mtelco.net).

**Rejoice!** The fall issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available. Please let Kim know if you would like to have one mailed to you. Email [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

**Men's Bible Study** on Romans, Wednesday, August 12, 7 pm, at John Unruh's farm. All are welcome. Bring your own chair, bible, work book.  
~Nate Ashley & John Unruh

**Because No One Should Go Hungry:** The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling during this time of pandemic, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

**Mennonite Heritage and Agriculture Museum,** Goessel, will host the Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group for a special time to view the Marie and Martha Voth Wheat Marquetry Art Show located in the Immigrant House on Monday Aug. 10, from 7-9 pm. Free for museum members and donation for any one else interested. Art Show can also be seen during regular museum hours with regular admission. Museum phone 620-367-8200

### Conference Announcements

#### Western District Conference:

--Thanks to all who attended WDC's 2020 online assembly last weekend! At Saturday morning's business session, delegates heard the conference minister's state-of-the-conference reflections and a financial update, approved the budget for 2021 and elected leaders for the coming year. Comments and questions addressed topics such as WDC's application for a CARES Act Payroll Protection Program loan, equipping existing congregations in conjunction with church planting initiatives, and affirmation for Camp Mennoscah's ongoing mission in these challenging times. The session concluded with a resolution of thanks for all involved in making Assembly possible, and recognition of outgoing moderator Ray Reimer and transition to new moderator Lois Barrett. Saturday afternoon, participants attended webinars on: Missional in the Age of Covid; Growing in Faith Wherever You Are: Boxes, Bundles, or Books Which is Right for You?; Real Live Faith; and Voices Together. On Sunday, many WDC congregations and members joined in watching the Assembly worship service. If you were not able to attend Assembly events, you may go to "WDC Assembly 2020" on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd\\_M5](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6aO7e884ZT5d9gHzyrfAucccOFYYd_M5) and watch the videos.

--WDC Questionnaire is for ALL: Everyone is encouraged to fill out a WDC Questionnaire - those who participated in the Annual Assembly and those who didn't - we'd like to hear from everyone. There are some questions about the role and ministries of WDC that we hope you will answer. Find the link here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnISX5ibg9z87BQOQBm-MkddjprurDdlz61SW5JWtCIKVZw/viewform>.

--Racial Justice from the US to Palestine: The WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force invites you to a virtual conversation on racial justice. Palestinians Alex Awad and Jonathan Kuttub join US citizen Sarah Nahar. They'll share their own experiences of injustice and hope and discuss the similarities in both contexts. Join us for this free live event on WDC's Facebook page on September 21, 7 pm Central Time. You're welcome to donate to WDC at: [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Service Adventure has open spots for the 2020-2021 term beginning this fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net) or apply online at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

### Camp Mennoscah:

--Men and Boys Retreat has been canceled for 2020.

--Camp Mennoscah welcomes guests! Camping areas and cabins are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time in the river, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Make a reservation and to inquire about use of additional facilities. We can't wait to see you!

--Camp Mennoscah's main phone number (620-297-3290) will be answered between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm on weekdays. Emails will also be answered within the same basic time frame, depending on staff work hours. Outside of these hours, you may be able to reach camp staff, but there are no guarantees. Please leave a message or send an email and we'll be in touch as soon as possible!

**Mennonite Central Committee:** Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat! Check out this online store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today (pssst, it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!). Visit [wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/](http://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/) and start shopping to support MCC!

**Everence** will host a Social Security and retirement income planning webinar, on Tues., Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free. Register: call 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or email [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

### Learning opportunities from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

--Deepen your understanding of Anabaptism through six-week, online short courses from AMBS! Explore Anabaptist history, theology, current practice, commitment to peacemaking, approaches to scripture, and how to transform congregational conflict and communication. These non-credit courses feature optional weekly Zoom conversations with professors along with readings and written discussion forums. No papers and no grades! Sign up for individual courses or for the "short course bundle" at [ambs.edu/shortcourses](http://ambs.edu/shortcourses).

--Prepare to lead worship and singing drawing on the vast resources of the Voices Together hymnal through two new AMBS online short courses--one for worship planners and leaders and one for song leaders. Both courses will feature guest instructors Katie Graber and Anneli Loepp Thiessen. Sign up at [ambs.edu/shortcourses](http://ambs.edu/shortcourses).

--Grow your leadership skills and deepen your faith through Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This three-year, part-time program includes mentoring, an introduction to Anabaptist leadership and theology, and skill-building and character formation opportunities. This year, the required Weekend Learning Event will happen in Zoom, making the entire program accessible from home. The application deadline for Journey is August 11. For more information, see <https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/journey-missional-leadership-development>

**The 2020 issue of Mennonite Life**, Bethel College's online journal, is live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu), with articles and reviews by Alain Epp Weaver, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Cheryl Denise, Christopher Reed, Emma Beachy, Jason Schmidt, Joanne Lehman, Joyce Zuercher, Julia Kasdorf, Keith Sprunger, Lisa Schirch, Marc Gopin, Melanie Zuercher and Raylene Hinz-Penner.

### Giving at Tabor

While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org)
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

#### Offering and Worship

August 2, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 1,815.00
WDC Virtual Assembly Worship		

