



Jesus and the Sign of Jonah

Today we reflect back on the story of Jonah from the perspective of Jesus. “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:40).

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Venita Schroeder
GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Be still my soul”</i> vs. 1 & 2	No. 79 CS
CHILDREN’S STORY		Jill Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 12:38-42</i>	Luke Unruh
SERMON	<i>“We Want a Sign”</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“When we face and unknown future”</i> by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Tune: <i>“Holy Spirit, come with power”</i> No. 26	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt
SENDING AND RELEASE FOR PASTOR PHIL’S SABBATICAL		Carol Duerksen
SENDING BLESSING		
POSTLUDE		

Words for hymns in bulletin

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.

In times like these it was hard to know how we could celebrate our anniversary. Wanting to Praise God and thank our friends and our church family in some way, we are handing out sweet cookies to take with you today, celebrating 65 sweet years. ~Lee and Phyllis Goertzen

10:30 am Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to a Zoom video to connect with one another and share prayer requests. After about 15 minutes we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below.

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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.

This Week

Pastor Phil is on sabbatical Sept. 15 - Oct. 15.

Mon. Sept 14, 7 pm: Christian Ed. meeting.

Tues. Sept 15, 10 am: Staff meeting. **7 pm:** Deacon Zoom meeting.

Wed. Sept. 16, 7 pm: Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Next Sunday, September 20

8:30 am: Next week at our drive-in worship service, we will focus on the Parable of the Pounds. Scripture for reflection will be Luke 19:11-27 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

If you plan to stay in your car, please park in a perimeter in the East parking lot. You may tune your radio to FM 107.1. If you would like to sit on a blanket or lawn chairs, please park on the West side of the church and walk to your spot in the East parking lot. Thanks again to everyone for following our safety precautions (social distancing and wearing masks) for the health and well-being of our church family. Following the service, we again invite people to bring offerings forward and stay for a time of visiting and fellowship.

10:30 am: Zoom Sharing and Faith Formation

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those in our church family who are recuperating from surgery or have testing or surgery in their future. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all students, parents, teachers and staff in our schools, homes and colleges, as they continue with education in new ways and different settings. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for learning opportunities.
- ★ The many people affected by the wildfires and recent storms and hurricanes. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom, guidance and joy for Lois Barrett, as she begins serving as the new moderator for WDC.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God that no students, staff, or faculty of the Near East School of Theology were injured when last month's explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for wisdom for George Sabra, the school's president, and for the necessary resources to repair the extensive damage done to the eight-floor building. Pray also for all who have lost loved ones and homes.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the rain which has come to refresh and revive the earth! Thanks be to God!

Thanks

Thank you for the beautiful plant we received from our Tabor Church family for our 50th wedding anniversary. Also thank you for the cards and messages we received. We are very thankful to God for 50 years of marriage! ~Pete and Sharon

Congregational Announcements

How About A Porch Visit? We miss you! It's been great seeing many of you at our drive-in services and during the fellowship time that follows. However, we'd like to offer additional opportunities for personal visits. They can be short chats or longer times of prayer and sharing. It can be a porch visit at your place, or if you prefer, we can meet at Tabor church where there's plenty of outside space (in the church park or on the front courtyard area). Of course, we would follow Tabor's social distancing and mask guidelines on church property.

Please contact us directly to schedule a visit. We'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Rosie's availability (316-772-8740 rjantz@tabormennonite.org)
Sundays: 4-7 pm, Tuesdays: 1-5 pm, Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm

Pastor Katherine's availability (316-727-4986 kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org)
Tuesdays: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays: 9-3 pm
Thursdays: 9 am-3 pm, 5-8 pm, Saturday: 9 am-4 pm

NOTE: Subject to change when our children are in hybrid or remote learning for school.

Update from Luke Unruh: A few days after I sent in my Indonesia Service Trip update for the newsletter, I received some disappointing news. My trip for SALT 2020-2021 was canceled completely and I would not have another opportunity to continue with the program this year. After some time of thinking, I came to the conclusion that I was going to withdraw from the SALT program for now. While I am disappointed, I understand that this was what God had planned for me at this moment.

Invitation: A Celebration of Life Service will be held for Irvin Boese on September 20 at 4pm at the Wheat Building on the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum grounds. Faspas will be served following the service. Please follow safety guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing.

Support Bethesda Home: Please take time to respond to the urgent request to contact legislators regarding the new federal mandate concerning testing of staff for COVID. You received an email on Friday with details and documents regarding this issue. (mailings also included this information) Your response is vital. Thank you for your support of Bethesda staff and residents.

Service: Due to the circumstances that have caused us to change so many plans this year, the Service Sunday that typically would take place in September will not happen this year. Instead, we encourage you to look for ways to be of service in the community and to your neighbors near and far. A few suggestions: make freezer meals for the Food Pantry, tie comforters for MCC, help with painting projects at the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum in Goessel (contact Kim at kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318 or 747-0408 for details on freezer meals or to get tops and supplies for comforters; contact Steve Banman at the museum, 367-8200, for painting).

The Men's Bible Study began a new study series on September 2. The series is titled *Holy Ambition - Turning God-shaped dreams into reality*. This is a video series by Pastor Chip Ingram and has a study guide and books to compliment the video lessons. We would like to invite all men to join us for this thought provoking series. We will meet at the church in the Hospitality Hall at 7 pm. Please bring a mask. Hope to see you there. For more information, please contact Dale Alderfer, Nate Ashley, or John Unruh.

MCC Relief Sale: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is sponsoring an online auction at this time. Bidding ends September 26. Acutria Auction site. <https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>

Commitment Sheets: Forms have been emailed/mailed to you and are due September 27. Please prayerfully consider the ways you are able to help carry out the ministries we share here at Tabor.

Narrative Budget Requests are due September 22. Please email to kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

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!

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference: From the WDC Historical Committee: Anabaptist History Today, a collaborative storytelling web site, invites individuals, congregations, schools and organizations to tell their stories of living during the remarkable historical, biological and social events of 2020. Contributors may share their experiences through a variety of media, including videos, audio recordings, photos, journal entries, artwork, poetry and personal reflections. An online form guides contributors through the process. Created by Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Archives and Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, AHT is the first large-scale, collaborative digital project of its kind in the Anabaptist community. The Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College is one of 16 participating Anabaptist archives and history organizations. Please visit the web site to learn more. <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/Welcome>

Mennonite Church USA:

--Join Bible teacher Joe Sawatzky on Mission Network's Facebook on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (EST) starting Sept. 8. "**Missional Meditations**" will help you gain insight for your sermons or daily life, and inspire a missional imagination in your congregation!

--During September, Mennonite Church USA invites you to focus your attention on what it means to offer hospitality to immigrants by engaging in its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – Immigration Justice: Radical Hospitality. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>

Camp Mennoscah

--Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is September 27. Details regarding the meeting will be shared as soon as possible.

--The weather is great! Where are you? Camp Mennoscah's facilities are open to guests/groups for overnight stays and day visits. Spend time on the trails, go canoeing, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation and to inquire about use of facilities. We can't wait to see you!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020

--Register NOW for the **MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride!** Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Wurst Fundraiser Ever: You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQPa3BLRS7> or by calling 316-217-1932. Hope to see you there!

Thinking about seminary? Strengthen your leadership skills and prepare for future ministry and service through one of AMBS's academic programs. We offer merit-based and ministry scholarships and need-based financial aid to help make your education affordable. Apply today! amsb.edu/academics

Everence workshop: Make Medicare an easy step, webinar on Tues, Sept. 15, 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Hymns for Worship

Be still, my soul

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Be still my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

When we face an unknown future

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

[When We Face an Unknown Future](#) is a new hymn for singing during the COVID19 pandemic.
Churches have permission to use this hymn for free, including in streaming worship services.

When we face an unknown future that we can't imagine yet,
when the closeness we have treasured turns from blessing into threat –
as we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave community,
may we look, God, in this season, for a whole new way to be.

Jesus faced the lonely desert as a time to look within.
There he met such trial and conflict; there he knew you were with him.
In this time of separation when we miss the life we've known,
may we hear your voice proclaiming: 'I am here! You're not alone.'

God, when illness comes to threaten, and when so much here goes wrong,
may we know this thing for certain – that your love is sure and strong.
You're beside us in our suffering – and when times are surely tough,
we may face an unknown future, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ the many ways that people continue to care for one another in both small and not so small ways.

~ the Holy Spirit interceding for us.

Please share what you are finding to be grateful for during this time of uncertainty and being apart. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Offering and Worship

September 6, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 4,270.00
Cars at Drive in Worship	=	40+
Worship Link Views	=	60
Worship Mailings	=	27
Faith Formation Zoom	=	16
FF Children's Link	=	34

Views may include more than one person



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114
Phone: 620-367-2318
Website: www.tabormennonite.org

Worship: 9:30am
Faith Formation: 10:45am

email: tabor@tabormennonite.org

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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Deacons:

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Duane Duerksen	Emil Schmidt	John Unruh