



Deep Calls to Deep
Called to Deep Relationship

The voice of God pierces the deep, calling us to deep relationship with God our Creator. No matter what floodwaters may arise and crash around us, may we continue to hear and recognize God's comforting Spirit reminding us, "You are my beloved."¹

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Reece Hiebert
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"As a Deer in Want of Water"</i> -vs.1 & 3	No. 552 VT
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15</i>	Sharon Adrian
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Oceans"</i>	No. 456 VT
RITUAL OF RESPONSE		
	How is God calling you to a deep relationship?	
	What will you do to deepen your relationship with God?	
	What does it mean for you to know that God calls you "Beloved?"	
	What might you need to let go of in order to embrace this core part of your identity more fully?	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and SENDING BLESSING		
SENDING HYMN	<i>"My Jesus, I Love Thee"</i>	No. 133 VT
		<i>Words for hymns in bulletin</i>

¹Adapted from the Focus Statement from *Lent 1* in the Leader Magazine Worship Resources

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.

Worship Service: We invite everyone to watch the worship playlist via YouTube. Link: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWJe_BGI_rnKQd1mXutSwP8uAjT-Nea5v

Faith Formation

9:00 am: Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information is below.

-Click 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.

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Winter curriculum.

See announcements for details and find in attachment to email.

Saying Good-bye to Pastor Phil, Mary, Ethan and Noah: Since we were not able to meet for drive-up worship on February 14 as previously planned, Pastor Phil, Mary, Ethan and Noah will be available this afternoon (Sunday, February 21) between 3 - 5 pm under the carport for a drive-thru time of greeting and visiting. We look forward to this opportunity to say good-bye and offer our memories and words of encouragement.

7:00 pm: Book Study, "Who Will Be a Witness?" Via Zoom. Please use the Faith Formation link.

This Week

Mon. Feb. 22, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Feb. 23 10 am - Staff meeting.

7 pm - Worship Planning Team meeting.

Wed. Feb. 24, 7pm - TMYF

Next Sunday, February 28

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

Worship: Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent. The theme during Lent is "Deep Calls to Deep." The focus will be Deep Commitment and the Scripture passages for reflection are Mark 8:31-38 and Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

3:00 pm: Jr High Youth Fellowship

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Diana Schmidt, whose mother, Edna Lee Withiam passed away Tuesday evening. Thanks be to God for Edna's life. Lord, hear our prayers for peace and comfort to surround Diana and the family and friends who are grieving Edna's death.
- ★ all who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, continuing with medical treatments, and all who are grieving losses. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ our congregation. Lord, hear our prayers for peace, wisdom, and a strong sense of your continued presence during this time of transition. Thanks be to God for God's enduring faithfulness.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they seek safe and effective ways to do congregational business and discernment together during the pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo, of MMN, live out the good news of Jesus Christ in Cambodia, which is a Buddhist country. Pray for them as they teach at all levels - from informal classes for children to the university level - and as they help provide leadership for a multicultural congregation.

Congregational Announcements

Deacon Discernment: John Unruh has chosen not to finish his Deacon term. In order to keep the Deacon Board balanced, the Deacons are soliciting names of males to be discerned to fill this unexpired term ending in 2022. Please let any of the Deacons know if you have an interest in serving or have a name to discern.

The trustees are moving forward with the basement remodel.

Donations to offset expenses for this project are welcome. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with designation 'basement remodel' clearly indicated on the memo line. You may mail your donation to the church or drop off at the church office. Thank you for your interest and support.

Rejoice! Devotionals for the spring quarter are available. Contact the church office if you would like to pick one up or have one mailed to you.

Children's Faith Formation: In February a weekly page of suggestions from the SHINE winter quarter curriculum will be provided via email. The "All of Us" book and student booklets handed out before Christmas will be used. Please contact Pam Abrahams with any questions.

Support Habitat for Humanity: For those of you that collect aluminum cans there is now a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for Summer Youth Camps at this time. Tabor Church Education Committee will again offer \$50 scholarships to all children attending camp. Due to uncertainties surrounding camp schedules and availability, scholarship money will not be paid to Camp Mennoscah directly. Instead, please contact the church office with the dates that your child/children attend camp and the scholarship money will be reimbursed directly to you.

Directory Updates: Please submit any updates for the 2021 Tabor Church Directory to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message. Thank you.

Kansas MCC Relief Sale: Planning is now underway for the 2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to be held July 2 and 3 at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson. *Detailed information will appear in the Tabor Church Newsletter.*

Plants and Things: Because July 2 and 3 is a bit late to be thinking about purchasing plants and starting or adding to a garden, the "Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10, the time our sale is regularly scheduled. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. Please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event. More information will follow. For information and answers to questions, please contact Kristi Unruh at 620-345-6867 or by email at kdunruh97@gmail.com or you can contact Jim Robb at 620-747-0186 or by email at jimandbeatyrobbs@gmail.com.

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 :

--Now What?! Post Pandemic Faith Formation: Do you want to talk with other people who care about faith formation? What have we learned about new ways of sharing the Jesus story in the past year? What will we lay aside? What questions remain unanswered? Join Kathy Neufeld Dunn and Resource Library Director Jennie Wintermote for a virtual dialogue Saturday, February 27, 9 am CST. To register, please email wdc@mennowdc.org for the Zoom link.

--Join individuals from across WDC via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7:00pm to talk about **"Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness"** by Leslie Verner. Email Jennie at the Resource Library to register for the discussion or to borrow a book at crlib@mennowdc.org

--KLC Leadership Lunch: In these complex times, good leadership is vital. Please join us to practice the leadership competency, "Exploring Multiple Interpretations," February 25, 12-1 pm. You're welcome if you're a Kansas Leadership Center alumni or if you want to learn more. Please email wdc@mennowdc.org for the Zoom link.

--**Online Book Study for Parents.** The WDC Resource Library is hosting an online discussion (via FaceBook) of *Upside Down Living: Parenting* by Katherine & Peter Goerzen. Weekly videos and questions for reflection will be posted from Feb.17-April 7--go at your own pace. Email the library for information on joining the FaceBook group at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Church USA:

--**MC USA's annual Lent at Home** guide is now available for download at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.

--**Join Mennonite Mission Network** on February 23 at 7:30 pm Eastern time to hear about MMN's service programs! Drop in and learn about Service Adventure, Youth Venture, Mennonite Voluntary Service, SOOP, and international service opportunities. Find the program that works for you! Contact EricFM@MMNWorld.net to register!

--Use your gifts and skills in teaching, music, drama, sports, and art will be well utilized and welcomed, as will your ability to simply play and be present to the children on the **Youth Venture** trip to La Casa Grande in Benin this summer! Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture for more information.

--**SOOP** (Service Opportunities with our Partners) is accepting applications! Use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. This program is flexibly designed for retirees, families and adults over 25. Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more!

--**MC USA's first Learn, Pray, Join initiative of 2021** will focus on the "Cost of War" to highlight a core peace church value: resistance to war, both in our neighborhoods and overseas. In a webinar on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30-7:30, panelists will bring awareness to the economics of war and share the various ways they have resisted paying for war. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-war/webinar/>

--Mennonite Church USA has announced the **registration rates for MennoCon21**, its first hybrid convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online on July 6-10, 2021. In-person attendance is \$325 per person for the five-day event and online attendance is \$99. For more details, visit mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-rates-mennocon21/

--Support the peace and justice work of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) by prayerfully considering a contribution to the **Justice Fund**, a mutual aid fund that assists MC USA congregations engaging in their communities to dismantle racism and build peace. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/give/>

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--**MCC Comforter Blitz: At Home** update - We are half-way through the blitz and have received 193 completed comforters. The goal is to receive 300 completed comforters at MCC in North Newton by the end of March! All the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC are at mcc.org/blitz-at-home. Share pictures of your work on the [MCC Comforter Blitz](#) Facebook page. Contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.804.8432 with questions. Need batting? Contact Charlotte's Sew Natural for their special MCC batting price at 316.284.2547. And THANK YOU to everyone working to create beautiful comforters for MCC!

--**MCC Webinar:** International service worker Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ? Join MCC on February 25, 7pm CST for a 30-minute information session to learn about MCC's long-term service opportunities in relief, development and peace work. This webinar will include a short presentation and time for Q&A. Register today! More information can be found at <https://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities>

--You are invited to join the virtual **MCC Central States annual meeting** on Saturday, February 27 at 9 a.m. CST The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. To join the meeting please email centralstates@mcc.org and then Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

Camp Mennoscah

--**Registration is open for Summer Youth Camps!** Spaces are limited; we will make more spaces available as possible on a first-registered basis. The waitlist is your friend! [Register online here.](#)

--**Nothing's better than a summer at camp!** [Watch this video](#) created by Mennonite Camping Association about why you should work at camp. [Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff](#) positions are now being accepted!

On the Level: The February edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS welcomes a new regional leader; the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations. Plus we're now offering Behind the Hammer, our quarterly publication showcasing our volunteers and their inspiring stories, in a digital version giving you access via your phone, tablet or desktop. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3bckDni>

Hymns for Worship

As a Deer in Want of Water vs. 1 & 3

Voices Together No. 552

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As a deer in want of water, so I long for you, O Lord.
All my heart and being falter, thirsting for your living Word.
When shall I behold your face? When shall I receive your grace?
When shall I, your praises voicing, come before you with rejoicing?
Why, my soul, are you so shaken? Why does fear within you burn?
Hope will once again awaken: peace of mind will soon return.
Then, O God, for all my days I will lift my voice in praise;
you have shown your help and favor, for you are my God and Savior.

Oceans

Voices Together No. 456

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You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the myst'ry,
in oceans deep
my faith will stand.

Refrain

And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in your embrace,
for I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand
will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed, and you won't start now.

Refrain

Bridge

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters
wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior.

Refrain

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I Love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Offering February 14, 2021

\$ 1,697.00

Giving at Tabor

While we hope to begin meeting in person soon, 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
- 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.

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