



Deep Calls to Deep
Called to Deep Commitment

We are transformed by the Holy Spirit as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment.¹ May we, like Jesus, take up our cross and follow, seeking to live each day in faithfulness to God.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND PRAYER Elizabeth Alderfer
- GATHERING HYMN *"Open My Eyes That I May See"* No. 738 VT
- CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16* Dale Alderfer
Mark 8:31-38
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!***
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Take up your cross"* -vs.1, 4, & 5 No. 536 HWB
- RITUAL OF RESPONSE
- How might God be calling you to a deeper commitment?
What might this look like in your daily life?
What do you sense God calling you to commit to more deeply?
What might you need to let go of in order to live more fully into this commitment?
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and SENDING BLESSING
- SENDING HYMN *"Som'landela"* No. 40 STS

Words for hymns in bulletin

¹Adapted from the Focus Statement from *Lent 2* 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_mIzI37v5xo6h0hQ6LV1qr8-

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=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

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-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.

This Week

Mon. March 1, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. March 2, 10 am - Staff meeting.

7 pm - Church Council meeting.

Wed. March 3, 6:30 pm - Junior High Fellowship

7:15 pm - TMYF

Next Sunday, March 7

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The theme during Lent is "Deep Calls to Deep." The focus will be Deep Wisdom and the Scripture passages for reflection are John 2:13-22 and I Corinthians 1:18-25. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. Worship will take place in the sanctuary following the protocol set by our Covid Task Force, or you may livestream the service or watch later at the link that will be provided.

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all whose lives were impacted by the tragic shooting at Excel Industries five years ago this past week. Lord, hear our prayer for peace to prevail.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for congregations and the people of Texas hard hit by the recent snowstorm. Loss of wages and property damages are significant concerns, especially for vulnerable families that live paycheck to paycheck. This follows months of limited work hours and high unemployment, making it even more difficult for those with restricted access to resources. Also, please prayerfully consider helping Hispanic congregations in crisis by donating to MC USA's Grace Fund.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations reaching out to support members and neighbors suffering economic hardship during this time.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Martine Audéoud as she teaches one of the first offerings in Mennonite Mission Network's new online institute for peace studies in the French-speaking world.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The birth of Copeland Robert, born to Josh and Mattison Booth on February 19. Copeland weighed 6 lbs.14 oz. and the family is doing great! Grandmother Joyce Booth and Aunt Sarah Booth welcome him as well!!!



Thanks

Sisters and brothers of Tabor Church and Pastor Katherine and former Pastor Phil, I do not know how to thank you. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, food and responding to requests for assistance hold me up as I transition to life without Archie. I've received many blessings of God's love. Thank you.
~Kristin Schmidt

Dora Unruh came home on Monday afternoon. She will have Home Health support as well as care from Anna and Jason. Dora was overwhelmed by the love shown to her by her Tabor Church family with a flower bouquet, cards of encouragement, get well cards, birthday cards, and phone calls. THANK YOU !!
~Dora and family

Congregational Announcements

Deacon Updates:

--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.

--Marcene Entz is requesting a leave from some of her duties on the Deacon Board. She will continue to be in contact with persons on her Deacon list as well as other congregants, while also relating to John Unruh's Deacon list (following his resignation) until his replacement is secured. However, Marcene will not be participating in administrative or public duties as a Deacon for the time being. The board has agreed to this temporary leave of absence. If members of the congregation have concerns about this arrangement, they should feel free to contact any member of the Deacon Board.

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.

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. *Detailed information is in the Tabor Church Newsletter.*

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 :

--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 through April 7--go at your own pace. Email the library for information on joining the FaceBook group at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Church USA:

--Travel to three different locations all within the coastal region of Colombia with your **Youth Venture** team. Serve and play as you learn about history and peacemaking in Colombia. Visit MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture for more information.

--**Service Adventure** is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term! Grow in leadership and faith, as you spend a year serving and living in community with others your age and with unit leaders. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure to learn more!

--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 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](https://www.facebook.com/mcc.comforterblitz) 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 Alumni Gathering, July 9-11 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! All MCC alumni are invited to Colorado to relax in the cool mountain air this summer. We realize there is still uncertainty about summer activities due to COVID-19. At this point, we are planning to have this gathering, all registrations will be refunded if the event gets cancelled. We ask that you still go ahead and register if you plan to attend. Find all the details, including COVID-19 protocols that the camp is following and REGISTER at mcc.org/alumni-gathering.

Camp Mennoscah

--Verenike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah on March 13! Reserve your meal of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7. You can also call 620-297-3290. This fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps and retreats. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on March 13. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as smooth and amazing as possible!

--Preparation for the Amphitheater Improvement project was completed in the Summer of 2020 and we are ready to finish this project up. Work days are scheduled for the following days: March 12 to 13, March 26 to 27, April 2 to 3, April 9 to 10, May 14-15. A team of five volunteers will work from 9am - 4pm each day installing the new stone benches. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you, and plan to arrive at the North cabin area to check in around 9:00 am. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer for this project.

--Looking for kitchen staff and nurses! Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Summer Staff - Join us in looking forward to the summer ahead. Despite the unknowns of how the summer may play out, we know the safety of our campers, guests and staff will be a priority. We know camp will have sufficient funds to offer/subsidize our summer camp programs thanks to the Paying the Legacy Forward Campaign (only \$15,000 more to go!), and we know those funds will allow us to hire the summer staff necessary to carry on the ministry of Rocky Mountain this summer. Join us staffers as we share the fruits of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control with all who come, fulfilling our mission to be a place of retreat and community in God's creation. Apply today and or encourage others to apply online (rmmc.org) by visiting "Summer Staff Opportunities" page on the camp website under the "About Us" tab.

Drive-thru Verenika Dinner: First Mennonite Church, 1161 E Ave A, McPherson is having a drive-thru verenika (with ham gravy and sausage) dinner on March 6 from 1-7pm or until the food runs out. This will be a free-will donation event with the proceeds going to the McPherson Housing Coalition. Phone: 620-241-4040

Hymns for Worship

Open My Eyes That I May See

Voices Together No. 738
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Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Take up your cross

Hymnal A Worship Book No. 536
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"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be.
Take up your cross, with willing heart, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross then, in his strength, and calmly sin's temptations brave.
It guides you to a better home, and points to glory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow on, nor think till death to lay it down,
for only they who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Som'landela (We will follow)

Sing the Story No. 40
Zimbabwean traditional

Som'landela, som'landel' u Jesu. Som'landela yonke indawo.
Som'landela, som'landel' u Jesu. Lapho Eyakhona som'landela.

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, ev'rywhere he goes.
We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Ev'rywhere he goes we will follow.

Offering February 21, 2021

\$ 4,320.00

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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