



Called to Worship

On this Palm Sunday, we join with the crowds who offered praise to Jesus, shouting “Hosanna!” and “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!” Yet we also remember how quickly things turned with the events that led to his death. May God’s steadfast love continue to be revealed as we journey from the joy of our “Hosannas” into the pain and sorrow of the crucifixion as we enter into this Holy Week.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Todd Schlosser

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

CHILDREN’S PALM PROCESSIONAL
No. 313
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 312
“Jesus Is Coming”

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS No. 314
“Holy Lord”

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC Adult Choir
“Ain’t No Rock Gonna Shout for Me” -L. Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremy Koop
Matthew 21:1-9
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 138
“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN No. 316
“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, April 2

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Darwin and Kim Funk. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship
 YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtube.com/live/MyeAJo8VnSo?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, April 3 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study. Book of Mark.

Tues, April 4, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.
7:00 pm - Worship Council meeting.

Wed, April 5 - Wednesday Evening programs.
5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: All you can eat buffet.
Suggested donation \$3.50.
6:30 - Quiz Bowl Event see announcements
7:30 - Adult Choir

Thurs, April 6. 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday
 Meal - Worship Service - Communion

Fri, April 7, 10 am - Good Friday Service at Bethesda



Maundy Thursday



Next Sunday, April 9

9:00 am: Join us for Easter Breakfast! The fellowship team invites you to breakfast in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring sweet rolls, Easter breads, muffins or a breakfast dish to share. A fruit and cheese tray will be provided along with drinks and table service. We hope you will join us to celebrate our Risen Lord!

10:00 am: Come to celebrate the joy of resurrection! The theme is Fully Alive in Christ. Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 28:1-10, and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

No Faith Formation Hour

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on March 26.

- ★ Denise Nickel shared that Evie Schmidt has returned to Bethesda and is receiving Hospice care. Lord, hear our prayers for Evie and for her son Douglin, as well as for all who are caring for Evie at this time.
- ★ Pastor Katherine expressed appreciation for the youth and children who led us in worship this past Sunday, as well as for all who give of their time and talents to encourage and nurture the faith of people within our congregation. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The Caring Quilt is with Susan Merrifield and Rusten Schroeder as they grieve the death of Susan's mother, Alma Merrifield.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS, a WDC church that has discerned to end its time as a congregation with a closing service on Easter Sunday, April 9. Give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: With only a month left to apply for MMN's Youth Venture programs, pray for the young people in your community who might deepen their faith through participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa; a trip to the Mexico-United States border; or a learning tour that brings insight into the realities of the struggle for civil rights.

Thanks

What a meaningful Worship Service we had this past Sunday! My heart is overflowing with gratitude for all of you! Thank you to the 2nd - 8th graders for reciting the 23rd Psalm! Thank you to Jerry and Leann Toews for your leadership with this and to all who provided funds for the MCC dollars! Thank you to the Youth Worship Band and to Russell Adrian for the awesome music! Thank you to the youth for your hard work in preparation for Youth Sunday and for the fundraisers! And thank you to everyone who offers support to our children and youth! Thank you for coming to enjoy the taco bar! Thank you for purchasing delicious desserts from the dessert auction -- with a special thank you to Van Schmidt and to the person who donated the birthday cake! Your generous support raised over \$2,500 to help provide meaningful experiences for TMYF -- including participating in the MC USA Convention! Thank you to all of you for who you are and all that you do!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Katherine

Congregational Announcements

Share an Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 9. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies, need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, April 4, to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver lilies to the east foyer of the church, labeled with the names of donors on the bottom of the plant, by 11 am on Saturday, April 8. Please note that donors may pick up their plants after the Easter service. Plants left at the church will be used in church decorations and/or delivered to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Quiz Bowl: Plans are made, questions are ready, all we need is you to come on April 5th to watch the children participate in the festivities! But we also need you, parents and friends, to join in and challenge the kids, to test their memory. All the Bible passages have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway along with a sign-up sheet if you are interested in competing with the kids. It's not necessary to sign up, just helpful for making plans. Please come and enjoy a fun evening as we celebrate the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the Wednesday evening programming this year. We have had a great time with the kids again this year as we studied the stories of the Old Testament. See you on the 5th.

ChangeMakers Lab: Vacation Bible School is coming! All children who will be 4 yrs old by September 1, 2023 through current 6th grade are invited to VBS at Tabor, June 5-9, 8:30—11 am. If you would like your child/children to attend, please complete the online registration form found at this link: <https://forms.gle/kSsQL6scMeSz8baGA> If you would like volunteer to help with VBS, register using this link: <https://forms.gle/hgWa25W9vtCo1YL88> Paper copies of the registration form are also available on the table in the church foyer.

Tabor Mennonite Women are invited to a Mystery Supper on Tuesday, April 25. Plan to meet at the church at 5:30 pm and leave by 5:45. Please sign-up the sheet posted on bulletin board by April 19. We will carpool to our destination. Cost is \$20.00, which includes the meal, gratuity, and an offering for Tabor Mennonite Women.

Spring work day at church will be on May 6 this year. Volunteers are needed to keep our church grounds maintained and looking nice. There are projects for everyone, so plan to attend from 8 am until noon. Refreshments are appreciated! Contact a trustee with any questions.

Tabor Church Food Pantry: Groceries are running low in the food pantry at this time. Your generous donations of non-perishable food items are welcome. Needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice Meals, Scalloped Potatoes, Tuna, Chicken and Canned Meats, Chili and Soups, Applesauce, Fruits, Vegetables, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Beans, Spaghettios / Ravioli, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cake, Brownie, Cookie Mixes, Jell-o (some sugar free) Pudding, Breakfast Bars / Pop Tarts, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste. Thank you for your help and generosity.

The Deacons and Pastors have formed a Pastor Congregation Relations Team (PCRT). The purpose of the PCRT is to care for the relationship between the pastors and the congregation. The Deacons formed a PCRT for Pastor Luke when he was our supply pastor and would like to continue this process with Pastors Katherine and Todd. The members of the PCRT are: Brandy Ashley, Duane Duerksen, Nathan Graber, and Bonnie Janzen. If you have any questions, you may direct them to any of the Deacons or Pastors.

Blood Drive: Give Blood – Save Lives! Please sign up to donate blood on April 10 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Encourage someone else to join you and become a first-time donor! Sign up online at redcrossblood.org for an appointment. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418.

Upcoming:

Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale
Sun, April 16 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Tabor College
Sun, April 23 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Bethel College
Tues, April 25 - TMW Mystery Evening (note change of date)
Sun, April 30 - Potluck meal for Kim's retirement
Sat, May 6 - Spring Work Day at Tabor
Sun, May 7 - Ordination Service for Michael Unruh at Bethel College

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--All Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, beginning with a salad potluck at 6pm with Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45pm. There is no cost, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. If attending in person, please email your RSVP and bring a salad to share. Church groups may consider gathering together to watch via Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

--Trinity Mennonite Church is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building at 211 S. Elm to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much needed ministry in the community. A church close out sale was held in January with proceeds donated to the Childcare Center. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday morning at 10:30 am following a sunrise service (at the actual time of sunrise) and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA Articles - Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8. Register at: <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

Camp Mennoscah: Nurses needed for the weeks of June 18-23, Junior I Camp, and July 9-14, Junior High II Camp. Head cooks needed for PreJunior I, June 11-15, and PreJunior II, June 25-29.

Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations.

Contact: Website: www.campmennoscah.org Phone: 620-297-3290.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is receiving applications for a full-time General Manager. Et Cetera is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills, directing staff, and maintaining and managing a large diverse group of volunteers. Application may be picked up at the shop 10am - 5:30pm Mon. through Sat. or on the website at newtonetceterashop.com. Application deadline is April 17 and the position is available beginning in May.

Hesston College: Join the Sunflower Performing Arts on Sunday, April 2 at 3pm to hear pax duo. Exceptional percussionists Micah Detwiler and Tristan Swihart will bring a multi-media percussion concert integrating acoustic percussion and lighting design. The concert will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church. Find more information and purchase tickets at hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts.

Bethel College:

--Singers wanted: Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert will be Sunday, April 30, with choir and orchestra under the direction of Dr. Henry Waters performing Beethoven "Choral Fantasy" and Mozart "Coronation Mass." The community is invited to participate. Practices take place on Tuesdays, in April, 6-8 p.m. in the choir room in Luyken Fine Arts Center on the Bethel campus. Rehearsal Sat., April 29 (3-7 p.m.; dinner provided). Performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, with a call time of 3 p.m. Scores and rehearsal tracks provided. Sign up: <https://forms.gle/rqjK4dgSpYieVTvP8> or come to the first rehearsal on April 4.

--Weds., April 5 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Earn a Master of Divinity at a distance! Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. AMBS's MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available.



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 26, 2023			
Offering	= \$ 2,940.00	Attendance	= 141
Adult FF	= \$ 19.00	Attendance	= 46
Jr. FF	= \$ 9.52	Attendance	= 52
Worship Link Views		=	37

SERMON NOTES

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

--NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY THE CHILDREN WILL PASS THE CANS. So far the Children have collected \$511.15!! Isn't that AMAZING??

--The TABOR 5K Team is: Sophia Abrahams, Aubrielle Francis, Hoxie Hiebert, Weston Sommerfeld, Wyatt Sommerfeld, Vatiken Unruh, Quinli Unruh, Isabelle Alderfer, Jackson Hiebert, Corynn Nickel, Elaina Graber, Katherine Goerzen, Peter Goerzen, Sophia Goerzen, Nathan Goerzen, Krista Abrahams, Corynn Nickel, Cory Unruh, Keri Unruh, Sawyer Unruh, Boyd Unruh, Denise Nickel, Lee Goertzen, Phyllis Goertzen, Les Goerzen. IF we have missed anyone, please let us know. We would like to recognize you. Help sponsor these energetic folks.

--Rene and Kristin Kaufman are co-coordinating the Verenike/Sausage Booth in the Domestic Arts building. There are lots of volunteer slots that need to be filled. Please consider signing up to work a shift or two!

--Help is needed at the booth selling bulk sausage and a few hams. Sat, April 15, 10am - 12pm, 12pm - 2pm. If you can help, a sign-up sheet is on a MCC Sale table in the Hospitality Hall. Contact Lewis & Carrie Unruh with questions.

--IF anyone can help haul items to the MCC Sale, let Jerry know. We have small items that can go in car trunks as well as tractors that need a truck and trailer.

--PLEASE donate items for HYGIENE KITS and put them on the tables.

--PLEASE SIGN UP UNDER THE VOLUNTEER TAB on the website. There are MANY open slots at almost every booth. It takes over 1000 Volunteers. It is more blessed to GIVE than RECEIVE. Please help where you can. THANKS

--There is a NEW tab on the website -- check it out. "Plan your Visit" Scroll the website for MORE interesting info.

--Website is: kansas.mccsale.org



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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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