



Jonah: Fishfood

Today we continue reflecting on Jonah's story as he prays to God from inside the fish (Jonah 2). In Jonah's desperation, God provided a place for him to reconnect with God and recommit to following God. In our desperation, we can also cry out to God, trusting that God will provide a place of refuge for us.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Susan Merrifield
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Eric Litwiller
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"In Floods of Chaos"</i> -words, Adam M. L. Tice	Pastor Katherine Goerzen, Piano
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carrie Unruh
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i> -Craig Courtney	Westminster Chancel Choir
	Text based on Isaiah 43: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Jonah 2:1-10</i>	Michelle Unruh
SERMON	<i>"Peace and Perseverance"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping"</i> -Adam M. L. Tice	
FAITH SHARING		Sara Hiebert
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SENDING SONG	<i>"Oh Love"</i> -Elaine Hagenberg	Arvada West High School SSAA Choir

*Words for hymns: in bulletin
See attached document for worship transcript*

Sunday, August 16

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.

Thanks to our Visual Art Team, a beautiful hanging basket of flowers was gifted to Pete and Sharon Unruh in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15, and another to Bob and Erlene Unruh in celebration of their 70th Anniversary on August 16. Congratulation, and praise be to God for the gift of these long-lasting marriages!



10:30 a.m. 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. Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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.

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*. This week we will be discussing chapters 4-5. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact Pastor Phil.

This Week

Tues. Aug. 18, 10 am: Staff meeting. **7 pm:** Deacon Zoom meeting.

Wed. Aug. 19, 7 pm: Men's Bible Study. See *announcements*.

Newsletter items are due Thursday, August 20.

Next Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m.—Next week at our drive-in worship service, we will reflect on Jonah the follower, who went to Nineveh to proclaim God's message (Jonah 3). Pastor Phil 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.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those in our church family who are recuperating from surgery or have surgery in their future. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ 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.
- ★ children, teachers, staff and school board as they prepare to resume 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.
- ★ our college students, as they anticipate and prepare for a new year. With the ever changing policies and precautions, may they find energy and strength to engage in classes in whatever form they take. Pray also for professors and staff as they engage with students. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they discern God's direction for future leadership and priorities in the midst of the uncertainties of today's world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Nemi Chigoji provides leadership for the Nigerian Anabaptist Resource Center, a MMN partner. Pray for Rev. Chigoji as he works in California and Nigeria, training Anabaptist pastors in peacebuilding, mediation, and holistic ministry.

Thanks

Praise God for the tremendous turnout and support for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's carryout meal on August 1st! Donations received were nearly \$5,800. A huge thank you to the volunteers who prepared food (starting at 5 a.m.) and the serving crew who efficiently served 325 bierock meals and 70 dozen New Year's Cookies in 45 minutes (when supplies ran out).

~With deepest gratitude, Aileen Esau,
on behalf of the MH&AM board and staff

A heartfelt thanks for the great response at the blood drive! A total of 37 units were collected, with 29 regular and 4 power red donations. Red Cross uses additional safety measures, so as you make plans for the fall, include donating on Monday, October 12. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or call Rosi (367-2418) or Nancy (367-2610).

Congregational Announcements

MennoParkingLot: With the reality of the pandemic, we will not be having MennoGrass like usual, but we invite the Tabor Church Family to a new experiment: "MennoParkingLot 2020" featuring the Flannelbacks! On Sunday evening, August 30, come to the Tabor East Parking lot at 7:30pm for some great music. The parking lot is shaded at that time, so should provide a comfortable setting. If you'd like to stay in your cars and tune in through your car radio, simply park in a semi-circle around the perimeter of the parking lot (people will be present to help with this). If you would like to sit on a blanket or in a lawn chair, park your car on the West side of the church and walk to your place on the East side. We thank everyone for practicing 6 foot social distancing and wearing masks when outside of vehicles. We are not publicizing this event beyond Tabor, but you are welcome to invite close family and friends. If you do invite others, please communicate our precautions (social distancing and wearing masks) that are in place to keep everyone safe. We look forward to a unique and fun event!

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 through August 18. If you are comfortable volunteering for an evening shift, please contact Barb Abrahams (367-2394, abrahams@mtelco.net). To help with meals contact John and Ruth Peters (367-3711, jpeters@mtelco.net).

Faith Formation Survey: Parents, thank you for participating in virtual children's faith formation this summer! Remember to fill out the short survey emailed to you earlier this week as a follow-up to learn how it went for you. Your feedback will help us plan for fall faith formation.

~Pam Abrahams

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 or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Men's Bible Study on Romans, Wednesday, August 19, 7 pm, at John Unruh's farm. All are welcome. Bring your own chair, bible, work book.
~Nate Ashley & John Unruh

Commodities distribution will take place on August 19 from 5-6 p.m. Pick up will take place in the alleyway behind Goessel Mennonite Church. For more info contact Jenny Girard at 620-367-8492

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.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference: Preschool Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 3:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different, join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Tuesday, September 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Register at <https://forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7> and contact Jennie with any questions at crib@mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Church USA:

--Due to the pandemic, Mission Network's Donor Relations team is not traveling to visit with our wonderful donors, but we are on the phone and writing notes! Please know you are appreciated, valued, and prayed for. Thank you for your continued generosity.

--Collaborative storytelling project launched to capture 2020 through an Anabaptist lens: The creators of Anabaptist History Today (AHT), a new collaborative storytelling project, are calling on Anabaptists across the United States and Canada to share their experiences during the remarkable historical, biological and social events of 2020. *See attached news release in this email for more information.*

--Learn, Pray, Join: Mennonite Church USA is encouraging people and congregations to focus on Immigration: Radical Hospitality by highlighting prayers, resources and ways to get involved in August and September. <http://mennoniteusa.org/learn-pray-join-immigration-justice/>

--#BringThePeace: Race, Church & Change, a two-part panel discussion on racism led by Mennonite Church USA's leadership team, has been viewed by thousands of viewers. Watch this important conversation by visiting <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

Camp Mennoscah:

--Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be a one-day event on Monday, September 7. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. Activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines. Please bring a mask with you. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

--Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah has been canceled for 2020. Men and boys (with adult supervision) and families are invited to contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 about overnight stays or day visits. We'll see you soon!

--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! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to 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 Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>.

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
- 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 9, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 5,085.00
Cars at Drive in Worship	=	42
Worship Link Views	=	47
<i>Views may include more than one person</i>		
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 17

