

James 5:7-20 (NRSV)

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹² Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

The Prayer of Faith

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday

October 17, 2021

The Patience of Farmers, The Prayers of Faith

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Holly Swartzendruber
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Call to Worship	VT 856	Holly Swartzendruber
*Prayer		
*Hymn	Christ is Our Cornerstone	VT 4
The First Lesson		James 5:7-12
Hymn	Spirit of God! Descend	VT 557
Time for Children		Sue Buchholz

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	Rain Down	VT 703

LISTENING

The Second Lesson		James 5:13-20
Sermon	The Patience of Farmers, the Prayers of Faith	Pastor Tom

RESPONDING

Hymn	Will You Let Me Be Your Servant	VT 778
Sending		
Postlude		Shirley Baltzer

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!

COVID-19 protocols: The FMC Covid response team is urging the following regarding the Covid virus: 1. Masks are required when we gather indoors, 2. FMC should reduce capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall to 50%.

Hartland Pregnancy Care is hosting its Hartland Fundraising Banquet Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wild Prairie Event Center in Newton, KS. Outlaw BBQ is catering the meal. This year's fundraiser speaker is David Williams. David shares the devastation of abortion and the forgiveness and healing of Jesus Christ that has transformed his life. David's story is so important for all to hear. Registration is open! Call 316.283.7333 now to reserve your seat.

Hillsboro's annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat is October 27 from 7-8 p.m. You are invited to leave canned goods on your porch to donate to Main Street Ministries, which will be picked up by youth groups of Hillsboro. All First Mennonite youth are invited to participate!

Tabor College presents Dr. David S. Janzen, Oct. 25, 2021: President Janzen is the fifth speaker in the vocation and service lecture series "Exaudio: Listen and Live." Janzen, a 1990 graduate of Tabor, was named the college's 14th president in May 2021. He will be giving the following presentations in the Richert Auditorium:

- ☞ Monday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.: "Career or Calling– Asking the Right Questions"
- ☞ Monday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.: "The Paradox of Christian Entrepreneurship"

The Tabor Lectureship in Vocation and Service is an annual academic lectureship in which a scholar is invited to present on a meaningful expression of Christian discipleship that arises from his or her professional discipline. The purpose of the lectureship is to challenge and encourage believers in their individual and collective calling of work and service for Christ and his kingdom. The term exaudio is a Latin word that means to listen, comprehend, and respond faithfully.

Jordan Feliz "Next to Me" tour is coming to Tabor College October 29 at 7 p.m. in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts! [Tickets are on sale now](#): VIP tickets \$45 (early entry and Q&A with Jordan), Main Floor

\$20, Gallery \$15. Follow the link above or call the box office at 620-947-3121 ext.1402 to get tickets. For group purchases or 10 or more, use coupon code TaborArtsJF to receive a \$5 per ticket discount.

Last week to see “Roots and Wings: Our Gift from Mother Nature,” a group exhibition by the Springdale Printmakers with sculpture by Beth Vannatta (all associated with the Springdale Arts and Nature Center, Halstead), in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College through Friday, Oct. 22. The gallery is closed Mon.-Tues., Oct. 18-19, for Bethel’s fall break, and open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. *Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols recommend physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors.*

Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION to Memorial Hall. Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more people, regardless of vaccination status.