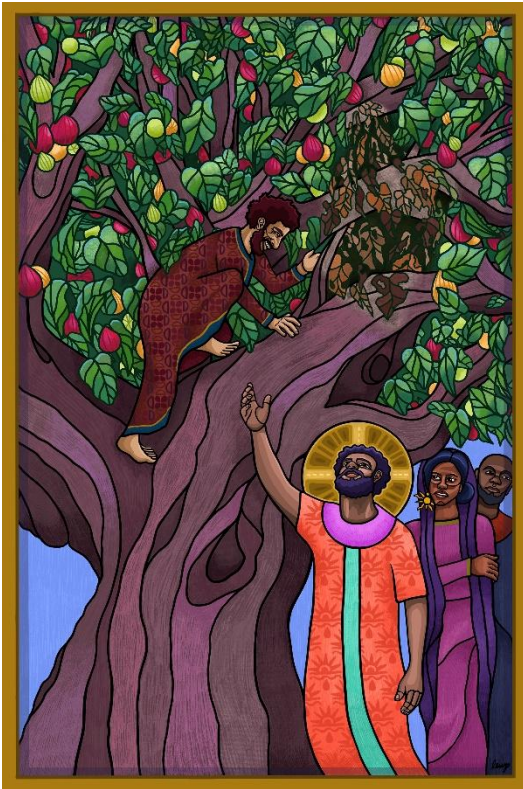




Fifth Sunday of Lent

## *Zacchaeus Greets Jesus*



*"The area where Zacchaeus sat in the tree is fruitless and dying. His actions were destructive and oppressive to his own community. The crowd is correct in grumbling about him; their anger is righteous, but Jesus offers mercy. ... Jesus removes him from the tree so it has a chance to heal and nourish the whole community. ... it is through [Jesus'] merciful actions that righteousness for the community is achieved."*

-Lauren Wright Pittman

### **Zacchaeus**

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Digital painting

*First Mennonite Church*

*April 6, 2025*

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## GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

We long for community.

We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection.

We need moral reminders.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief,

faith and doubt,

joy and longing,

curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!

Amen.

HYMN *What Is This Place* VT 22

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy* VT 156

Children's Time

My Coins Count Offering

## CONFESSING & SEEKING RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God,*

*When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.*

*When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.*

*Again and again, bring us closer to you.*

*Again and again, show us the way. Amen.*

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

God is merciful.

When we fail to be merciful,

God invites us to try again.

Again and again,

God moves closer to us.

Again and again,

God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

Amen.

# TELLING GOD'S STORY

Poem – *Call Me In* (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Luke 19:1-10*

Meditation

*Come to the Table!* Sharing Communion Together

HYMN *Taste and See (refrain only)* VT 467

Words of Institution & Prayer

*Gather in small groups at one of the communion stations. A gluten free option is available in the front on the organ side. In keeping with our Anabaptist tradition, bunches of grapes are available at all three stations for those still deciding about baptism. However, as Jesus is the ultimate host of this table, we invite you to participate as God's Spirit leads you today. A server is also available for those who prefer to remain seated.*

Music for Meditation

# SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

# LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Benediction

Postlude

*Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

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If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring  
Nursery: Joel & Hilda Iwashige  
Organist: Pauline Buller  
Song Leader: Trae Gehring  
Worship Leader: Calvin Buller  
Poem Reader: Jean Gaeddert  
Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel  
Children's Time: Delon Martens

Sermon & Communion: Tonya Ramer Wenger

Communion Servers: Jim Unruh, Delon Martens, Jean Gaeddert

Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast

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## **TODAY:**

**Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry** are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

**Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room

**Sunday School** for all ages at 11:00am

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert – 4:00pm, Tabor College

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- **April 9 – Lenten Lunch**, noon – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church,  
Pastor Tonya preaching on “Prayers of Lament”
- **April 11-12** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
- **April 16-18** – Stations of the Cross @ FMC Wed 12-5, Thu/Fri 12-7
- **April 17** – Maundy Thursday – 6:00 meal & communion



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