

Resurrection Sunday



The Risen Lord, by He Qi

Christ Among Us!

Waterford Mennonite Church

March 31, 2024

Pre-service singing JD Smucker, Ruthie Saunders

Gathering songs *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340
Low in the Grave He Lay VT 333

Welcome & Call to worship Merle & Mary Hochstedler

Lighting the peace lamp*

Song *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!* VT 341
Wonderful Grace of Jesus VT 170

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*
(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)
Offertory *Was It a Morning Like This?* Ruthie Saunders

Prayer of Rejoicing

Children's time Lacy and Layna Stoltzfus, Archie

Scripture John 20:1-18

Sermon "Jesus Is Alive! But where is he?" Deron Bergstresser

Song of Response *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* VT 347

Communion

Congregational prayer Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VT 670

Today we will share in communion. Let us prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God. We will also collect offerings for the Goshen Ministerial Association's Emergency Fund. This fund benefits people in need in the local community. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary.

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world

Prayers

For our senior adults having birthdays this week:

Joan Walsh, who celebrates her 95th birthday on Sunday the 31st,

Una Ross, who celebrates her 99th birthday on Wednesday the 3rd,

Mildred Yoder, who celebrates her 96th birthday on Thursday the 4th,

for God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebrations by signing a card for each of them at the table in the foyer.

On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for *peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine*, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered and rose victorious from the dead.

For *Russ Hochstedler and Beth Smucker* as they grieve the death of Russ' brother-in-law and Beth's uncle, Bob Schloneger, who died suddenly on Monday. Pray also for his wife Enid, their children and families, and his remaining siblings.

For Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Chaplains *Neil Amstutz, CarolSue Borkholder, Kelly Carson, Ruben Chupp, Shawn Gerber, Renée Kanagy, Lee Pfahler, Anne Mitchell, Simon Mungai, John Schrock, Phillip Wiechart*

Thank you to Erin, Jordan and Leah Smeltzer for creating our Easter worship visuals. And thank you to the Seekers class for preparing the communion elements.

You are invited to take a lily to one of our mostly home-bound senior adults. There is a list at the participation station of who is to receive them. Please sign your name by the person you will take a lily to and pick it up before you leave today.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

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