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**April 05, 2026
Death and Resurrection**

Prelude Sharon Heipel

We Gather

Song Low in the Grave VT 333

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Bonnie Lee Bowman

Listen. Do you hear it?

The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.

Listen! It sounds like harmony.

Angels singing.

Why are you weeping?

For the grief? For the beauty?

Jesus is risen!

One: Yes! And creation sings it.

Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

but love is stronger than death.

Do you believe this?

Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

Our names—each one.

Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

It is the sound of resurrection.

Let us worship the Risen One!

Song Christ the Lord is Risen Today

VT 346

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9

Song Christ Has Arisen

VT 341

Resurrection Reflection*

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

**Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.**

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

**Gracious God,
we praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.**

We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

**We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.**

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

We Hear God's Word

Scripture John 10:1-18

Song Christ Who Left His Home In Glory VT 361

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

We Respond

Song of Response Christ Is Alive VT 359

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song I Serve a Risen Saviour (Video)

Sending Blessing

May you go from here, like Mary Magdalene,
paying attention,
being astonished,
and then telling others about it.

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

May you go with the risen Christ's peace surrounding you.

Postlude

Upcoming Worship Services

April 12 Thomas: Doubting and Believing

John 20:19-31 (Psalm 145:13-21 Susan Allison-Jones

April 19 The Unified Walk: Where One or More Agree

Ephesians 2:11-13, 18-22 Susan Allison-Jones

April 26 The Worthy Walk: Called to Peace and Unity

Ephesians 4:1-16 Bob Thaler

Birthdays

O'Derald Gingerich April 5

Sylvia Galian April 6

Prayer Requests

Pat & Mel Jantzi have moved to an apartment in the Retirement Residence at Nithview. Keep them in your prayers during this time of transition.

Pray for Sharon Witt as she grieves the loss of her brother-in-law, Ron Witt, who passed away Wednesday morning at Waterloo Hospice.

Pray for ongoing healing for Catherine Rudy as she recovers from hip surgery. Also keep John in your prayers as he misses Catherine's daily visits.

Give thanks for the improvement in Ray Brenneman's health. Also keep Ray's niece Cathy in your prayers as she suffers with the advanced stages of COPD.

*Resurrection poem written by Michaela Youngson, posted on The Methodist Church in Britain's *Open to the World* website.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **East Zorra Mennonite Church** in prayer. Ray Martin and Mike Williamson provide pastoral leadership for this congregation. Pray for this congregation who is rooted in Christ, growing together in faith and extending God's love to each other and to their neighbourhoods.

Beyond The Congregation

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Fundraising Dinner

Monday, April 27 at 6 pm, Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs NOB 2N0 More than just a meal, the NHMRS fundraising dinner is your chance to connect with the community and support the relief sale and MCC! Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner catered by Gracie's Country Oven and hear an update from MCC. Tickets are \$30 each and children aged 3-10 are only \$10! Donations will be gratefully accepted at the event in support of the relief sale. [Purchase your ticket here.](#)

Calling all musicians! *Saturday, May 30, 2026; New Hamburg Fairgrounds* If you have the gift of music and would like to share it with others for a good cause, we want to hear from you! The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is seeking musicians to enhance the ambience of the sale as patrons take in the atmosphere at this popular event. This opportunity is for 30-minute time slots between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Please contact Lorieyantzi@outlook.com if you're interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Poole People Player's presents "**Sneaky Citizens of Saddlesore City**" on May 7, 8, 9 at the PERC in Milverton. Night performances at 7:30pm; Sat. afternoon performance at 2:00pm. For tickets call Janet at 519-595-8424 or 519-301-3717 or email poolemem@perth.net

St. Matthews Organ Recital and Soup series

continues after Easter! We will feature the organ on April 8 and 22 and offer a homemade soup and bread luncheon after the music. All are welcome and donations are gratefully accepted to defray costs. **See poster in the foyer.**

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca) Silver Lake is searching for volunteers to help for one week on the kitchen and maintenance teams! Each day includes a long break in the afternoon where you can enjoy all Silver Lake has to offer. For more information, visit slmc.ca/volunteers

Ministry Team Leaders Ross Shantz (chair), Fern Good,
Florence Scheerer

Finance - Lia and Michael Fewkes

Worship - Bonnie Lee Bowman

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