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Resurrection

Prelude Susan Allison-Jones

Worship Leaders: Lil Quanz & Bob Thaler

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-4

Exsultet

Rejoice heavenly powers!

Sing choirs of angels!

Exult all creation around God's throne.

Jesus Christ, our King is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation

Scripture Reading Mark 16:5-8

Rejoice, O earth in shining splendour,

Radiant in the brightness of your King.

Christ has conquered.

Glory fills the sky.

Darkness vanishes forever.

Rejoice, you saints and believers.

Exult in glory. The Risen Saviour shines upon you.

Let this place resound with joy.

Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Hymn of Praise VT 346 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Approach

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed.

Wondrous and Amazing God, the stone is rolled away.

The tomb is empty. The grave clothes are lying there.

Is it true? They tell us he is risen from the dead.

We scarcely believe it. Could it possibly be true?

Jesus, Lord Jesus, here you are alive.

You call us each by name and our fears and doubts
come crashing down.

Our grief and pain could not hold you in the tomb.

Our sin and death could not defeat you.

We reach out to touch your wounds.

Such love that it should grasp hold of us!

But is it true? The Lord has risen.

We are afraid and yet we are filled with joy.

We are confused and yet we believe.

**We are speechless with amazement
and yet we cannot be silent.**

We have seen the Lord!

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Acclamation Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more;

Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold;

And our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

We share by water in his saving death,

Reborn, we share with him an Easter life

As living members of our Saviour Christ

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Peace

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.
He has risen! He is not here. See the place where
they laid him. But go and tell the others what you have
seen and heard.

Turn to each other, tell each other this Good news.
Share with one another the reason for your hope.

Say to each other: ***The Lord is risen!***

And answer back: ***The Lord is risen indeed!***

Welcome

Jump for Joy

Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:1-11

Hymn VT 333 Low In The Grave He Lay

Gospel Lesson John 20:10-18

Sermon Who Is It You Are Looking For? Bob Thaler

Affirmation of Faith

That which was from the beginning
which we have heard
which we have seen with our eyes
which we have looked at
and our hands have touched-
This we proclaim concerning the Word of Life:
Christ died for our sins;
He was buried.
On the third day, God raised him up again,
putting an end to death's agony.
It was impossible for death to hold him.

Therefore,

God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name
that is above every name.

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and earth
and under the earth
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We have been crucified with Christ
and no longer live;

But, buried with him in baptism,
we are also raised up with him.

The Spirit of God who raised Jesus
lives in us and gives us life.

Hymn VT 355 Thine Is The Glory

Sharing, Congregational Prayer & Announcements

Hymn HWB 116 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Commissioning

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here. He is risen just as he said.

Look, he has gone out and on ahead.

**We will go meet him out on the hills of Galilee
and on the road to Emmaus.**

Do not be afraid. Go now and go quickly.

Go tell them that he has risen from the dead.

We have seen the Lord! The Lord is risen indeed.

Benediction

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and
forevermore. Amen

Upcoming Worship Services

- April 7** The Promise of the Spirit Susan Allison-Jones
Acts 1:1-11; John 14:15-29
- April 14** The True Wisdom of God Susan Allison-Jones
! Corinthians 2:6-16
- April 21** Celebration Service - at Hillcrest MC
Reconciling Spirit Greg Yantzi
Acts 17:1-9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Upcoming Events

- Apr 18** Ministry Team 2:00 pm
Apr 21 WI Worship at Hillcrest 9:45 am
May 7 Tuesday Lunch 12 noon

Birthdays

- April 4 Bob Thaler
April 6 O'Derald Gingerich
April 6 Sylvia Gallian

Prayer Requests

Praise God that MCC has delivered a critical truckload of emergency food for besieged families in Gaza. As part of a convoy of other trucks transporting humanitarian relief via Jordan, the vehicle sat for more than a week waiting to cross the border but finally made its way through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing into Gaza on March 19. As we sit down for our Easter meal with family and friends may we remember those in our world who are suffering and dying due to lack of food.

Pray for peace in Haiti and for political and social stability that people can go about their normal lives. Pray also for MCC staff and its 11 partners in the country that they would have wisdom and resilience in the course of ongoing stress and trauma.

Congregational Notes

Please accept my apologies as the last digit of Florence Scheerer's phone number is missing in the phone directory. Florence Scheerer's phone number is 519-662-4886.

April Designated Donation The New Hamburg Relief Sale depends on donations to cover the operating costs as well as some of the food. For many years Wilmot, in partnership with Jantzi's Apple Butter and Cider Mill, donated and sold apple cider and butter at the sale. We no longer do that and it is no longer a line in our budget. NHRS now purchases the product and various vendors sell it. We can still help NHRS by designating above offering donations to the NHRS. Please make your donations by April 21st.

As part of our commitment to consider future possibilities for Wilmot you are invited to participate in Formation Hour April 7th and 14th. Any decision making within a faith community requires a commitment to listening to what the Spirit is saying to us. We will delve deeper into the role of the Spirit in our lives and in our decision making.

Beyond The Congregation

Celebrate the launch of *On Mennonite/s Writing*, a collection of essays by literary scholar Dr. Hildi Froese Tiessen, edited by Rob Zacharias. This book gathers eighteen essays that reflect a half-century of critical engagement. April 4, 7:30 PM, at Conrad Grebel University College (Chapel). Reception to follow.
grebel.ca/events

Spring Seniors Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp On Monday, April 29th join us for a day of fellowship, community and conversations. Dr. Martha Taylor will share with us in the morning and Jane Kuepfer will host a panel discussion in the afternoon as we intentionally explore end-of-life conversations.

Annual Spring Banquet MEDA Waterloo Network Hub on Saturday, April 20th at Shantz Mennonite Church. Hosted by Gary & Brenda Leis, this event will feature live music, dinner by Grace Frey Catering, welcoming remarks by Dorothy Nyambi, President and CEO of MEDA, presentation by Katelynn Folkerts with MEDA on Cassava Seed Systems. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$55.00 per person. Register online by April 12th at: <https://www.meda.org/events/>.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner April 29 at Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Road, St. Jacobs. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, the sweet sounds of the acapella men's group Surrendered, and hear an update on MCC's work in Ethiopia, all in support of the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. \$25 per person, children 10 and under are free. Go to nhmrs.com to reserve your seat.

Ministry Team Leaders

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

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