

Called to become neighbors with those near and far by  
joyfully walking together in God's peace

## Washington Mennonite Church

March 17, 2024 – 9:30 AM

LENT FIVE:  
LOSING & KEEPING LIFE

We welcome all to this place for the worship of God and for Christian fellowship.  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth, reaching out to one another in Christ's love.  
We welcome our guests and visitors and hope you will join us again soon.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude Preparation** – Carol Detweiler

**Calling & Welcoming God's People** – Karla Stoltzfus-Detweiler

VT 684 – Five directions prayer

**Worship through Song** – Erika & Carol Detweiler

VT 9 – *Come Away from Rush & Hurry*

VT 158 – *I know God Loves Me*

VT 636 – *Spirit, Open My Heart*

**Children's Story** – Erika Detweiler

"Saint Patrick the Forgiver" (by Ned Bustard, 2023)

**Offering**

VT 43 – *God, Be the Love*

**Praying for Christ's Peace**

VT 894 – *Deliver us; heal us*

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Hearing Scripture**

John 12:20-33

VT 302 – *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

**Pastoral Reflection** – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

"Producing MANY seeds"

### RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S DEATH

**Song of Response**

VT 670 – *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

**Congregational Sharing & Praying** – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

*"In your goodness and mercy . . . Lord, hear our prayer."*

SENT WITH THE SPIRIT'S LIFE

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

VT 844 – *May the Face of God Shine on You*

**Tech Hosts** – Anna & Chance Freeman Beachy

**Greeter** – Heather Bender

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

Mar 24 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard, Palm Sunday

Mar 31 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard, Easter

Apr 7 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

Apr 14 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

**Upcoming Events:**

Mar 20 – Lenten Soup & Supper, 5:30pm

Mar 28 – Maundy Thur., Wayland 5:30pm

Mar 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae, 6pm

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**Mission Statement** - As followers of Jesus Christ, we are a community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeking to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and to love others as ourselves.

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