

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

## Washington Mennonite Church

March 31, 2024 – 10:00 AM

### EASTER SUNDAY

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 – Children's Easter Ensemble

VT 33 – *You Are Good*

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

One: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

**Many: Christ is Risen!**

One: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

**Many: Christ is Risen!**

One: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

**Many: Christ is Risen!**

One: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

**All: The tomb is empty—**

***Love prevails!***

***The risen Christ is here among us!***

***Alleluia!***

##### Singing Resurrection – Easter Choir

VT 341 – *Christ has Arisen*

VT 340 – *Lift Your Glad Voices*

#### TELLING GOD'S STORY

##### Hearing the Story: At the Tomb

Luke 24:1-12

##### Prayer of Rejoicing

One: Beloved Jesus, we are filled with wonder.

When we expect a sealed tomb,

**Many: You surprise us with an open door.**

One: When we expect a dead end,

**Many: You amaze us with a new beginning.**

One: When our hearts are heavy with grief,  
Our feet dragging from the weight of sin and brokenness,

**Many: Your grace lightens our load,  
Your love empowers us to run.**

One: We are witnesses of your resurrection,  
And together we rejoice:

**All: *Jesus lives!***

***Jesus is making all things new!***

***Glory to you, our risen Savior and Lord!***

##### Congregational Singing – Angela Widmer & Erika Detweiler

VT 333 – *Low in the Grave He Lay*

VT 361 – *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory*

##### Continuing the Story: At the Table

Luke 24:13-32

##### Easter Meditation – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

Luke 24:13-32

##### Telling Others: Congregational Sharing & Praying

#### ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST

##### Celebrating Communion

VT 470 – *Luke 24:13-35 (excerpts)*

##### Offering – Easter Choir

VT 355 – *Thine is the Glory*

##### Spoken Benediction

##### Sending Song – Easter Choir

VT 565 – *Christ is Alive*

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

**Greeter** – Carol Detweiler

##### Sunday Morning Schedule:

Apr 7 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

Apr 14 – Nick Detweiler-Stoddard

##### Upcoming Events:

Apr 3 – Church Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Apr 13 – Saturday Kitchen, UP Church

**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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