



Orrville Mennonite Church

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Easter Worship

March 31, 2024



Gathering and Welcome

Prayer with Intermittent Response

Don't Be Afraid

SJ 105

Singing

In the Bulb

WB 614

Lighting of the Lamps

Leader: Together we seek the way of Christ —

Coffee Side: The generous, compassionate, grace-filled, transformative way of Christ;

Piano Side: The powerful, all consuming, unsettlingly transformative way of the Resurrected Christ.

Leader: We are not alone.

All: God is with us.

Leader: God both demands and guides our continual regeneration into the way of the Risen Christ.

All: We are not alone.

Leader: It's not just God who is with us. In Christ, we stand with sisters, brothers, friends, partners — here in Orrville, in Wayne County, in Ohio, in the US, in Tanzania, in the World. We light a lamp for our larger community. →

Coffee Side: While we celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection, we recognize that all is not well yet. We light a lamp to give space for our laments.

Piano Side: **We light a lamp for our thanksgivings and God's abundance.**

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hope be firm and our hearts open to the good news: Christ is not here, for Christ is risen.

All: ***Jesus Christ is risen indeed!***

Singing *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* WB 280

Confession

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

People: **Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?**

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For our church?

People: **We confess to the Lord . . .**

(silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

All: ***With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you.***
Amen.

Singing *The Strife is O'er* WB 263

Offering Offertory

Come forward during the offertory and place gifts and offerings in vessels for regular offering and My Coins Count and the Dollar Project.

Scripture John 20.1-18

1 Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." 3 Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. 4 They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. 5 Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. 6 Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. 8 Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

11 Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. 13 The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." 14 As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." →

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). →

17 Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

Singing *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* WB 277

Message *Resurrection*

Singing *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!* WB 278

Love Step Prayer (standing if able)

Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ.

Benediction

Postlude

Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring Announcements

Greeters, Marilyn and Stan Kamp, Liz Snyder
Usher, Ken Wenger
PA Operator, Virgil Troyer
Nursery Care (Worship), Sandy Miller
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Reader, Danae King and Charles Bontrager
Sharing and Prayer, Bev Squirrell

Sermon Notes

Death and Sorrow and an Angry World

Life and Love and Resurrection Power

The Center of Our Faith

Announcements

We express our sincere sympathies to Lou and Han Erb and extended family and friends in the passing of Pete on Sunday, March 24, 2024. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Pete's memory.

Monday Meals. This past Monday, March 25, we served 159 meals. There will be no Monday Meals on April 1 or April 8.

Spring Congregational Meeting. Our spring meeting is Wednesday, April 3rd. Please check your church mailbox for the agenda and the minutes from the fall congregational meeting and plan to attend. The materials were also sent via email.

April Dollar Project. The next Dollar Project begins April 7th and donations will go to **Love INC of Wayne County.**

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering this Sunday, March 31st. The offerings received will be given to our congregation's wider mission partners as each giver designates. This is the **first Fifth Sunday offering** for this year (2024) which will be dedicated to empowering others to do mission on our behalf.

Hiatus for the Devotionals – a note from Bill. You may have noticed that no devotions went out this week. With Pete's sudden passing, I didn't even remember them until Tuesday. Thanks for your patience and understanding for that. I wasn't planning a devotion break for the Spring, but as I consider things, I am going to extend this devotion preparing break for the month, until after Gregory's wedding. So, there won't be devotions, even printed ones, until Monday, April 29. Again, thanks for your understanding and patience.

Worship and Fellowship Series – *The Jesus Way.* Along with Oak Grove, Crown Hill, and Wooster Mennonite Churches, we are in a sermon series called, ***The Jesus Way***, looking at Anabaptist Faith and Practice. Herald Press has a series of 10 books, focused around questions of faith and practice, called *The Jesus Way, Little*

Books of Radical Faith. We are currently taking a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, but will resume the series on April 7, with *What is the Kingdom of God and What Does Citizenship Look like?* by César Garcia.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

An invitation! Please consider parking on the side of the church and entering through the front door of the church if you are willing and able. It's another way to make the front of our building more open and inviting to our community.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for March 31 – April 7, 2024

Sunday, March 31 **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service at Ramseyer Farms, **7:00 am**

Easter Breakfast at OMC, **8:00 am**

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Coffee and Fellowship, **10:45 am**

Wednesday, April 3

Central Christian School 4th graders & Open Arms kids' activities/lunch at OMC

Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday, April 4

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Saturday, April 6

Calling Hours for Pete Erb at OMC, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 7

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Dollar Project – Moment in Mission for Love INC

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Calling Hour for Pete Erb at OMC, **1:00 pm**

Celebration of Life for Pete Erb at OMC, **2:00 pm**

Pie and ice cream following the celebration service

Offering Report for Sunday, March 17, 2024

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Ministry Spending Plan \$4,016.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$9.00

Anabaptist World subscriptions: \$117.00

Offering Report for Sunday, March 24, 2024

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,555.00

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,015.00

Monday Meals: \$1,500.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$250.00

Boiler Inspection Reimbursement: \$136.50

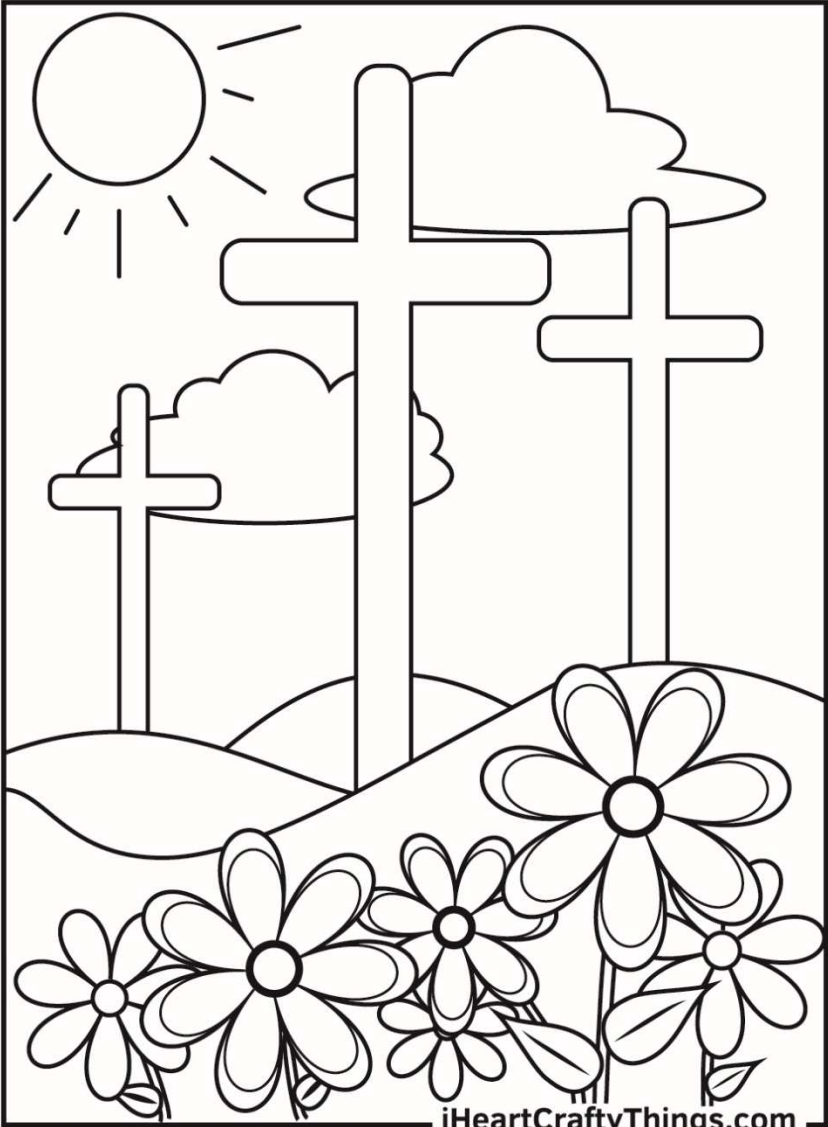
Anabaptist World subscription: \$39.00

Looking Ahead

April 10 2nd Wednesday Supper & Bible Study
at Oak Grove MC, 6:30 pm

April 26 Stand Up Comedy Show Fundraiser
for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry
at Grace Church in Berlin, 7 pm





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